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Labor to issue over 13,000 two-year permits to alien workers

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REPORTER

Officials of the local labor department yesterday disclosed that over 13,000 permits will be issued to nonresident workers before federal takeover on Nov. 28, 2009.

Labor official Deanne C. Siemer said all nonresident workers under the local labor system will be issued the permit to be picked up by employees themselves upon the advice of the department.

These employees include current 240K permit holders, persons whose

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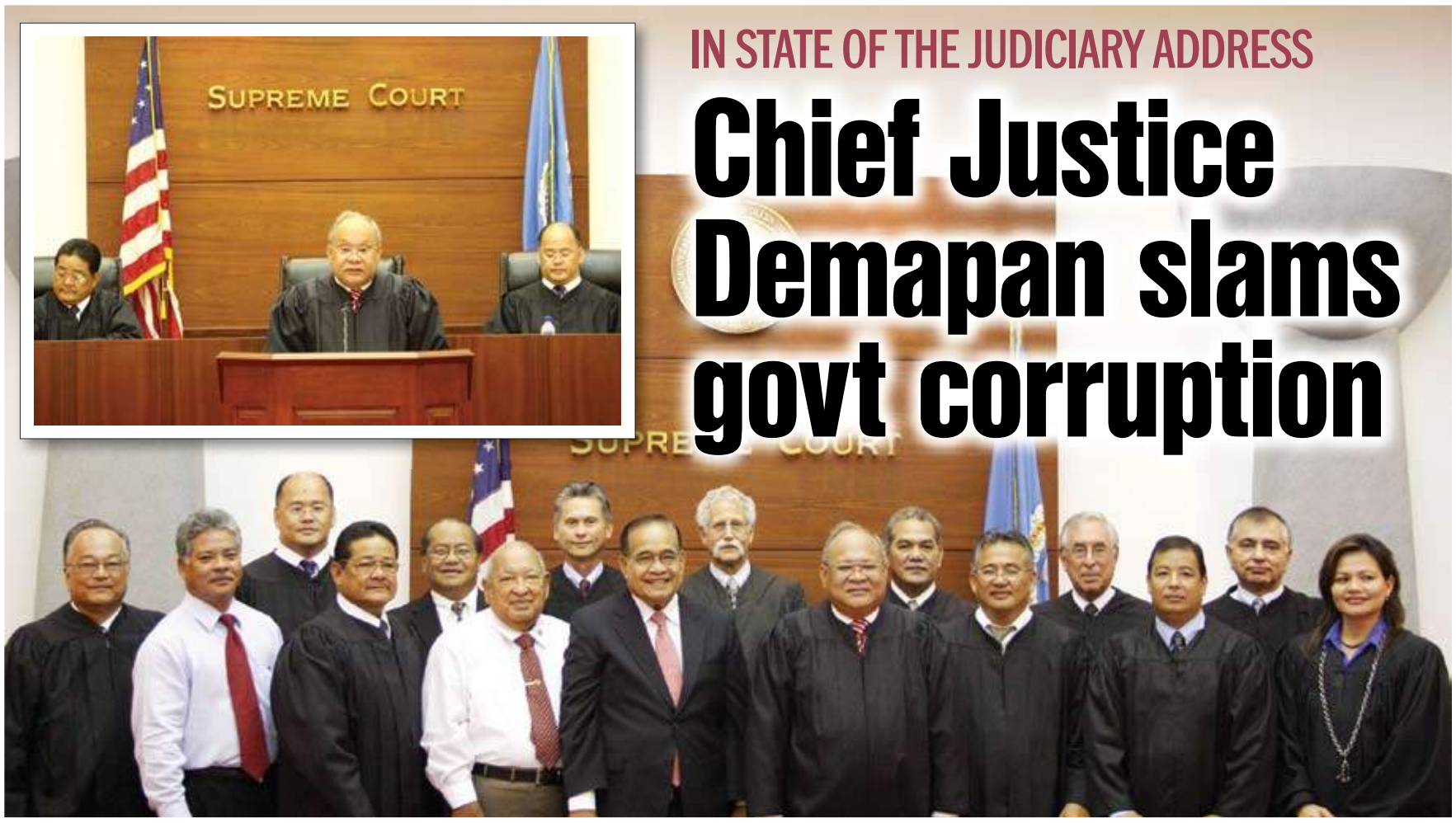

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Chief Justice Demapan slams govt corruption

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, front row center, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), Saipan Mayor Juan Tudela and visiting Guam Supreme Court Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido join CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan, front row-fourth from right, and other justices and judges right after Demapan delivered his 2009 State of the Judiciary Address at the Guma Hustisia in Susupe yesterday morning. Inset shows Demapan delivering his address titled, "From federalization to recession: The courts in difficult times."

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Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan yesterday hit government corruption in the CNMI in recent years describing it as "too prevalent."

In his annual State of the Judiciary Address held in the Supreme Court, Demapan discussed, among other topics in his 45-minute adress, the spillover effects of govern-

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Referral Program receivables: $564K

By JUDE O. MARFIL
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The Department of Public Health has over half a million dollars in outstanding receivables from patients it sent overseas to seek medical treatment.

At yesterday's continuation of the House Committee on Health, Educa-

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Retirees sue Fund consultant Merrill Lynch

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Three retirees filed a lawsuit against the NMI Retirement Fund's investment consultant Merrill Lynch for providing "bad advice" to the trustees, resulting in the collapse of its stock investments.

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CNMI visitor arrivals up 15 percent in September

According to the latest statistics from the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the CNMI went up last month by 14.85 percent compared to September 2008.

MVA said a total of 31,755 visitors came to our islands in September 2009 compared to 27,650 during the same month in 2008.

The primary market of Japan posted a 22-percent increase in September, with 21,009 visitors arriving from Japan compared to 17,236 Japanese visitors last year. Arrivals were bolstered by double daily charter flights from Narita which had begun in mid-July and continued through Sept. 23.

In addition, Asiana Airlines brought in two charter flights due to strong demand prompted by the Silver Week holiday. As a result, total seat inventory for the month increased 13 percent compared to September 2008.

In comparison to the significant increase in arrivals from Japan in September, Korea saw a decline of 36 percent. In September 2008, 6,697 Korean tourists visited the CNMI compared to 4,302 visitors this year.

Tenorio

The decline was attributed to fewer flights, as the daytime flight from Seoul was reduced from four times to twice weekly. As a result, the number of air seats from Korea declined 18 percent compared to September 2008.

The secondary market of Russia dropped 25 percent to 247 visitors. These guests spend an average 13.5 nights in the NMI and often visit multiple islands, making them a vital part of the tourist economy. In comparison, arrivals from China posted a triple digit increase of 210 percent to 3,023 visitors due to the resumption of regular charter flights from Shanghai and Guangzhou.

Visitor arrivals dropped 3 percent from Guam, but posted an increase of 88 percent from the United States, due in part to the visit of the USS *Frank Cable* and its crew of 800. Also posting increases were the Philippines (29 percent), Taiwan (1,900 percent to 100 visitors), and Other Areas (16 percent to 266 visitors).

September arrivals also marked the end of fiscal year 2009 for MVA. Arrivals in 2009 decreased by 5.22 percent over the 12-month period. In 2009, 375,808 people visited the CNMI compared to 396,497 last year.

Japan had 4 percent more visitors visiting the NMI in 2009, while Korea saw a 20-percent decrease. While Japan and Korea remain the CNMI's key markets in terms of number of visitors from any market, arrivals from the secondary market of Russia increased 10 percent to 6,801 visitors, while arrivals from China dropped 10 percent to 27,859 visitors.

"The global recession, coupled with higher air fares and the H1N1 flu virus severely impacted our arrivals earlier in the year," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "We are encouraged that our primary market of Japan has posted an overall gain this fiscal year, as well as Russia. We are grateful for the continued commitment of our airline and other industry partners in these extremely challenging times."

The MVA is preparing for relatively fewer arrivals during the so-called shoulder months of October and November, when travel demand is typically at its lowest period throughout the year. Arrivals are expected to be low until the mid-December holiday peak starts. ***(PR)***

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$160K contract for CNMI strategy on Guam buildup

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The government awarded a $160,000 contract to a private consulting firm that came up with a 77-page draft document on what the CNMI could offer the U.S. Department of Defense as the region prepares for a $15-billion, multi-year military buildup in Guam.

Commerce Secretary Michael Ada, one of the signatories in the contract, said the $160,000 contract was for Project Management Operations LLC "to provide the CNMI/Strategic Economic Development Council with a plan to present to DoD for potential and in depth uses for the CNMI in relation to the military buildup."

"The plan was to look at what the DoD needs are, both logistically and operationally, and to identify the resources of the CNMI so that we may position ourselves to better avail of the opportunity that the military buildup presents," Ada told *Saipan Tribune* when asked for the contract price.

Project Management Operations LLC, a Colorado-based global provider of project management and information technology operation consulting services, prepared the draft document, "A Strategic Approach: Utilizing CNMI's Natural Resources to Provide Complimentary [sic] Support to DoD Guam."

Today is the last day for public comment on the draft document, which is available on the Department of Commerce website, www.commerce.gov.mp.

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, in an interview yesterday, said there's no telling whether the $160,000 paid to the contractor is money well spent until the final product comes out.

Inos said there's no concrete plan yet as to what the U.S. military intends to do in or with the CNMI in line with the buildup in Guam.

"But I tell you this much: Until we know what we can do to support the military, then all we're doing is talking in the vacuum because it's a complex thing. A military situation involves logistics and other support, including non-military type of things like a venue for relaxation not only for the active military members but for their families. Because of our proximity to Guam, they can be up here in 30 minutes and they're home," Inos said.

Inos also met with U.S. Navy Undersecretary Robert O. Work on Wednesday afternoon and 22 other military officials and personnel on Capital Hill.

From Saipan, Work and the team went to Tinian to take a look at the Tinian Northfield, and went back to Guam.

"It's a courtesy visit. And it's good because they assured us of assistance, and we told them that the CNMI stands ready to assist in whatever way we can," Inos added.

In the draft strategic plan, the CNMI plans to provide operational support and services to Guam instead of viewing the neighbor island as a "competition" to maximize benefits from the relocation of some 8,000 Marines from Okinawa to Guam, some 17,000 family members, and up to 20,000 federal construction workers to the island.

Among these operational and support services that the CNMI said it can offer are providing airport and seaport facilities for deployment, training and relocation; provide ground forces training areas; provide storage facilities; provide solid food like "meals ready to eat" for military personnel; catering services; and lastly, provide a rest and recreation destination for military personnel.

The draft document's goal is to emphasize military opportunities associated with the regional buildup as the CNMI tries to understand how the military buildup can be beneficial to its people.

The CNMI, being a U.S. territory and its capital island of Saipan only 120 miles from Guam, can provide alternate airport and seaport facilities that could be used to enhance training opportunities for deployment training, and operations and maintenance logistics function, the document said.

In addition to the training opportunities, the airfield operations facilities, supported by the U.S. Air Force Guam operations staff, provide alternate hangar capacity in the case of relocation of aircraft and crews due to mission requirements and/or weather.

Four-hour power outage in Kiya 1 grid this Saturday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said a power outage will affect the Kiya 1 circuit from 7:30am to 11:30am tomorrow, Oct. 17.

Areas under the Kiya 1 grid include As Terlaje, Northern Marianas College, Botanical Garden, portions of Fina Sisu, Lower Dandan, Upper Dandan Homestead, Isley Field, Kanat Tabla, Obyan, and As Perdido Road

CUC said the purpose of the scheduled power outage is to allow linemen to perform necessary maintenance to the electrical grid by replacing two defective Air Brake Switches (ABS) both located on Kiya 1, one in Dandan, near the Saipan International Airport (Chalan Herman Pan Rd. and Flame Tree Rd.), and the other in San Vicente at the Roundhouse (Isa Drive and Dandan Road).

CUC said two crews will work simultaneously to address both defective switches to minimize the power interruption.

"It is essential that these defective switches be replaced to provide safe operating equipment for the linemen and the community when isolating certain areas of the grid to perform necessary maintenance or repairs," said a press release from the utility. ***(PR)***

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tion and Welfare's oversight hearing on DPH, Medical Referral manager Ronald D. Sablan disclosed that indigent patients were asked to sign promissory notes before they are released from the hospital. But $564,000 has not been paid.

Sablan was once again on the hot seat as lawmakers, headed by HEW chair Ralph Torres, devoted almost two hours beginning at 1:30pm in learning about the intricacies of the Medical Referral Program.

"The common misconception about the medical referral program is we pay for everything," Sablan said. Indigent patients, who sought medical referral, are still required to "come up with their own share," hovering between 5 to 30 percent of the total medical bill. A patient is indigent when his income is less than $18,000 per annum.

But DPH—in the last five years—could not recoup all the monies patients owe because the department lacks the manpower to do the collection. "We are behind in our work. We cannot enter all the documentation required. It's hard to be updated all the time," Sablan told the lawmakers.

Sablan's office, however, has only three employees processing requests for medical referrals. At present, 200 patients have been approved for off-island medical treatment.

"The medical referral process requires a lot of man hours. We are responsible for making sure patients are getting the right treatment," he said in an interview.

The Medical Referral office is tasked with making airline reservation, handling medical records, coordinating with medical facilities and immigration authorities, and monitoring the patients' condition until they back to the island.

"One missing link in the program is a medical coordinator who will guide the patients through admissions and monitor the process," said Sablan, adding that DPH has already sent out a request for proposal to fill this position. This medical coordinator though will have to be a doctor but not necessarily a U.S. licensed one.

Asking patients to sign a promissory note does not necessarily mean DPH will get paid. "Considering the economic situation, we're not trying to put an extra burden on the patients" with arrears at DPH, Sablan said. Rather, a promissory note is a way for DPH to account its expenses.

For fiscal year 2009, the Medical Referral Program spent over $7 million, according to Sablan. This covers the patient's airfare, medical bills, hotel accommodations, which usually amounts to $50 per day, and subsistence allowance of up to $30 per day.

Sablan said DPH is also paying for the subsistence of escorts, whom patients chose to accompany them off-island.

"Unfortunately, there is a lot of abuses. Some escorts use (the off-island trop as an opportunity) for shopping or sight-seeing," Sablan said.

For fiscal year 2009 ending Sept. 30, 2009, DPH sent over 900 patients for off-island medical emergency. Compared this to 816 sent in fiscal 2008 and 565 in fiscal 2007.

Responding to an inquiry from Rep. Ed Salas (R-Salas), Sablan said that for transportation alone, DPH has paid $986,472. Of this figure, $480,101 was for flights to the Philippines.

It is not clear whether the $986,472 includes the $319,580 DPH paid to Saipan Employment Agency and Services, Inc., contracted to transport patients from the airport to the hospital.

Asked why DPH sent many people for medical referral, Sablan replied it was because of the economic situation. "[Patients] drop their insurance so they don't get proper health maintenance. But the time they come to the hospital, their situation is already dire."

However, the Commonwealth Health Center could not properly treat these patients because of lack of equipment and physician-specialists.

RETIREES

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Roman Tudela, and Patricia Guerrero filed the lawsuit last Wednesday at the Superior Court and are represented by lawyer Michael Dotts.

In yesterday's board meeting, Dotts informed the trustees that the board is also a respondent to the case, but not in their individual capacities.

The lawyer said his clients have enough basis to prove that Merrill Lynch acted "very badly" on providing advice to the Fund.

Dotts is asking monetary damage from Merrill Lynch on the investment losses the Fund incurred as a result of its advice. He described the amount as substantial as it will be based on the losses recorded when the stock fell.

Dotts told the board that what retirees are seeking is an injunction of five years so that the Fund can conduct an open and competitive process in selecting money managers and consultants.

"The relief we're seeking from the board is just injunction to do certain things while the remedy we're asking from Merril Lynch is monetary damage to be paid to the Fund," Dotts explained, adding that the monetary damage will help the Fund recover from its financial distress.

Merrill Lynch, Dotts said, has advised the agency to put the lion's share investments in stocks. That led to over $150 million in losses since October 2008.

Dotts said the negative stock market trend hit bottom in March 2009 where additional millions were lost, still through the advice of Merrill Lynch.

Dotts said the consultant showed "negligence" in performing its duty and added that he has data that will strengthen their case in court.

"This lawsuit is not intended to burden you [trustees] further, but solely against the investment consultant whom my clients believe had provided very bad advice to the Fund," Dotts told the board.

Compared to other pension funds, Dotts said NMIRF was "over weighted."

"We got evidence…since 2007," he said.

Saipan Tribune learned that Merrill Lynch began serving the Fund since the program's inception in 1980s.

Asked about its performance, Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon yesterday said the board is satisfied with its work since the beginning.

Acting board chairman Pedro Dela Cruz, meanwhile, refused to comment on Merrill Lynch's performance, saying that he has only served the board for a short time.

"We don't know yet the basis of this lawsuit…" he admitted.

However, he said the Fund's legal counsel was instructed to update the board about the said case.

CHIEF

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ment corruption.

"The federal district court and the Commonwealth judiciary have, in recent years, unfortunately been confronted with cases of government bribery, mismanagement, incompetence, and abuse of power," said Demapan in his remarks which he titled "From Federalization to Recession: The Courts in Difficult Times."

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, Senate president Pete Reyes, Speaker Arnold Palacios, and some Cabinet members were present in the ceremony. Except for associate judge David Wiseman who is off-island, all judges and justices attended the event. Guam Supreme Court associate judge F. Philip Carbullido and former CNMI judges were also in the courtroom.

Demapan said government corruption harms the Commonwealth in two ways—directly by draining resources already in place and indirectly as it is the single most detrimental factor to the public confidence and trust that is necessary for a prosperous economy.

The chief justice said local merchants will become indifferent and lose the enthusiasm to contribute to the government's rebuilding efforts.

Potential investors, he said, will shy away if they know they cannot rely on necessary governmental protections.

"Our economy absolutely will not grow if those in the private sector who have the ability to influence the market feel that they are dealing with a dishonest government," Demapan said.

He pointed out that as resources are stolen from within or withhold by those who otherwise would contribute, confidence in the area of leadership "itself ebbs away."

"Democracy fades, as people recognize that their voices are drowned in their leaders' pursuit of ill-gained personal prosperity," he said.

The chief justice said people should understand that corruption hinders the Commonwealth's ability to provide basic services, such as health care, public utilities, food production, and education.

"When our people, particularly our youth, do not receive these services, they are robbed of the tools needed to grow and become productive citizens in the future," he said.

Demapan vowed that in the judiciary they are striving to "remain above reproach" and put forth an air of transparency.

When necessary, he said, the judiciary holds others accountable when they have "so strayed from the ethical path."

On the budget pressure, Demapan noted that, in the past two years they have reduced their manpower workforce from 104 full-time employees to 74 full-time employees—a 29-percent decrease in the number of staff.

He said the amount of money the judiciary has requested for personnel costs has decreased almost $900,000 during the same period.

Demapan mentioned the sacrifices that the judiciary made to save the government money.

He said their recent suspension of their commercial janitorial services saved the government $30,000 a year, while the reduction of the scope of elevator maintenance service will save $4,000 per year.

The judiciary has also been utilizing federal funding over Commonwealth funds whenever possible.

Demapan said virtually all off-island travel is restricted to federally funded trips.

The federal criminal justice grant, he said, allowed the judiciary to have 10 new members to security staff, including one each for Tinian and Rota, a criminal law clerk to expedite criminal appeals, two data entry clerks in the Superior Court, and an additional information technology staff member.

Demapan complained that their air-conditioning unit is "on its last legs" and is far from energy efficient.

He said the judiciary, however, received a $700,000 federal grant to install a new, more energy efficient system.

"Specifically, an energy efficient air conditioning retrofit will save over 30 percent of the judiciary's annual utilities costs," he said.

Demapan said they also took steps to set up staff-development programming to further improve the personnel's quality of work.

The chief justice highlighted some ways in which the judiciary provides assistance and forges partnerships with key other departments in the government.

Demapan announced that they have the soon-to-be-implemented court rules and administrative procedures that they have been working on diligently this year.

Upon the recommendation of the National Center for State Courts, Demapan said they established a judicial commission to bring a unified voice to the sometimes compartmentalized judiciary.

In resolving the foreclosure crisis in the CNMI, Demapan said they adopted a new rule in May that assists litigants with foreclosure issues by allowing them to redirect mortgage foreclosure proceedings to mediation to attempt to renegotiate terms of mortgage agreements that are in default.

When Demapan stated that his last topic is the judiciary's budget requests, it drew laughter from the audience particularly the lawmakers.

He said the total projected operating cost for the judiciary in 2010 equates to only 3 percent of the overall Commonwealth budget, even through they are a co-equal branch of government.

"The budget requests we have recently provided are not excessive; they represents the minimum we are required to function in the manner mandated by law," he said.

The chief justice said the allocation of anything less will result in a great detriment to the CNMI residents—all of whom depend, in one way or another, on the judiciary.

Demapan concluded his speech with a vow that they will continue to perform their mandate in the tripartite system of government "in the midst of so much gloom.'

"We pledge to continue to work diligently in an effort to maintain stability in light of the current economic state," he said.

Gov. Fitial, in an interview, said Demapan was very sincere in telling the state of the judiciary as it is.

Fitial said the chief justice mentioned the limited resources of the government as well as the tremendous financial challenges and issues the Commonwealth is facing.

Senate president Reyes said Demapan's speech was very informative.

"I like the delivery of his statements. I only wish we have enough resources to accommodate [them] given the judiciary's budget request," Reyes said.

LABOR

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applications are currently in process including those in the deficiency and denial categories, those whose transfers are currently in process, persons who currently have extensions of time to transfer, and those persons who have pending cases and appeals.

"As long as you're in the system, you will be issued out this umbrella permit," Siemer told the crowd, adding that persons on the overstayers list are not eligible as well as those who hold entry permits other than 240K such as students, investors, diplomats, journalists, and immediate relatives.

Overstayers, labor officials said, must clear their status with the immigration division first before the labor department can take any action with respect to them.

Siemer said local labor loses jurisdiction on overstayers once the list is certified by the labor secretary to the federal labor department.

She said that the umbrella permit is free of charge and is valid from Nov. 27, 2009 through Nov. 27, 2011. This, she said, will help stabilize the workforce and protect both employers and employees besides preventing undue damage to economy.

"It will bring stability," Siemer said, adding that the new system is part of the "protocols" presented by the Fitial administration to the U.S. government.

According to Public Law 110-229, any Commonwealth-issued permit that is in existence on Nov. 27, 2009 will be honored for two years after the transition date, which is set for Nov. 28.

Labor deputy secretary Barry Hirsbein emphasized that although employees are not required to apply for the umbrella permit, this does not change the labor department system and the permit could be revoked, based on noncompliance with local labor laws.

"The permit will be held by the foreign national worker, and the worker will take this permit with him or her wherever he or she is employed. The permit is an authorization to work in the Commonwealth so long as labor department requirements are complied with," the department statement said.

They emphasized that the two-year permit is not a guarantee of employment on island.

Once employment contract expires, the employee still needs to find employment in a given period of time under labor regulation and pay the same processing fees.

The labor department will use its existing processes under its existing regulations to determine if and when a two-year umbrella permit should be revoked.

"It (permit) just demonstrates that people have status here," officials explained.

Asked what will happen after Nov. 27, 2011—when all permits expire—labor officials admitted that they have no idea. They admitted the existence of many "ifs" at present.

"Regulations and laws may change. But we expect that by two years, we already made a lot of adjustments [because of this umbrella permit]… and I expect to win the lawsuit [vs. the federal government]," Siemer told the crowd.

They expect to print the permits by Oct. 20 and start distribution on Oct. 22 so it can finish the whole process by Oct. 30. A detailed schedule will be announced in later date and will be posted on the department's website and newspapers.

Refunds suspension delayed to 2010

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REPORTER

The NMI Retirement Fund board of trustees unanimously agreed to delay the suspension of refunds for six months as a result of comments and requests received from the public and government agencies.

Board Resolution 09-003, which ceased the payment of refunds effective Sept. 1, 2009, was approved by the board in July as an approach to prevent the Fund from total collapse.

But due to "serious concerns" raised to the agency, the board yesterday amended the resolution and delayed the enforcement of the policy to Feb. 1, 2010.

Saipan Tribune learned that labor and immigration workers have earlier asked the board's consideration as they may soon be displaced from work as a result of federalization on Nov. 28.

Board member Sixto Igisomar said the decision made by the board was in consideration to the "plights" of these soon-to-be affected workers.

He added that in recent public hearings, the same proposal was endorsed by community members.

There are over a hundred personnel in labor and immigration divisions that will be affected when federal authorities take over their jobs.

The board noted that since it is now delayed for six months, processing of applications will continue.

It was earlier disclosed that the affected employees are planning to withdraw their contributions to the Fund in preparation for the "worst" economic situation. Majority of them are not eligible to retire.

The administration earlier planned a lateral transfer of affected labor and immigration employees to other entities but was hampered by the financial constraints of the government.

Since 2007 to July 2009, the agency recorded over 900 refund applications from the program, which the Fund paid $8 million.

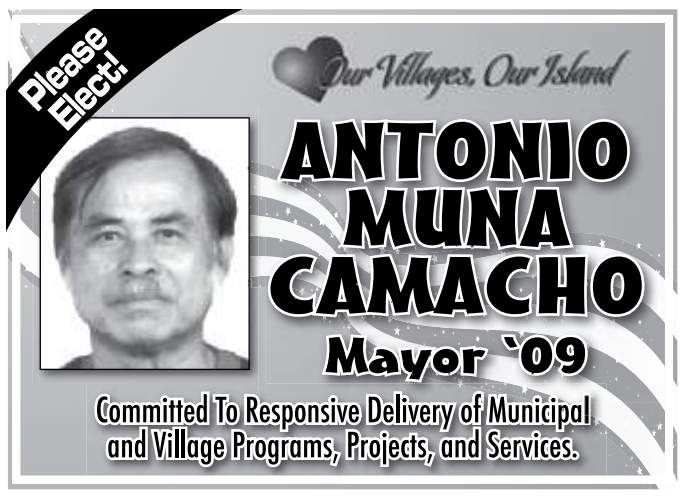
The Fund halted refunds after it fell below the 40 percent level for funded accrued actuarial liability.

Currently, the fund is only 39 percent funded in this area and has consistently failed to reach a level of 50 percent since fiscal year 2000.

In their earlier decision, trustees said that they sought, to no avail, the assistance of the administration and the Legislature in order to address the Fund's fiscal emergency due to the 2008 worldwide decline in investment markets and drastic Fund drawdowns due to non-payment of employer contributions and other government obligations.

KKA gubernatorial forum on Oct. 23

The Kagman Komunidat Association will be hosting a gubernatorial forum at the Kagman Community Center on Oct. 23 at 7pm. KKA encourages undecided voters to attend and share their concerns. For more information, contact KKA president, Jesse Torres at kagmankomunidatassociation@gmail.com. ***(PR)***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Bellas: Notification letters sent out for applicants of leftover settlement funds

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Former Superior Court associate judge Timothy H. Bellas yesterday disclosed they are going to start sending letters today to 1,313 former garment workers on Saipan who filed applications to avail of the $600,000 left over from the funds in the settlement of the class action against the garment factories.

Bellas

In the letters, each worker will be notified whether the application is approved, disapproved, or there is a need for further information, said Bellas who chairs the Garment Workers Trust Fund

Bellas stressed that payments will be made only after U.S. District Court for the NMI chief judge Alex R. Munson approves GWTF's decision.

GWTF made the decision after Bellas and two other board of trustees met in Hawaii last Sept. 25 to review and discuss the almost 1,100 applications.

He said they will notify 44 who requested for medical assistance, 63 for repatriations, and 991 who are denied because they just want living expenses.

Bellas said there are 215 more workers who are among those referred by the federal ombudsman and the Department of Labor who have claims but are not paid because of employers gone and there's no bonding company.

The former judge said they proposed that each of these 215 workers will be given $350.

He said on the repatriation requests, most of them are approved and that GWTF agreed to give them $100 each in travel money when they leave CNMI.

He said they are going to keep a small amount in reserve for donation to a charitable institution.

On the requests for medical assistance, Bellas said some of these people haven't really specifically told them what their condition is and how much is going to cost the treatment and how long the treatment take.

"We are not going to be on for a long time. So we're sending them some letters, saying we need additional information. Some of them are still employed and we also asked why the employers who are responsible for them are not paying for medical expenses," he said.

Bellas said they will not donate funds to people who request for money because of the economic conditions.

"That really isn't the mandate of the purpose of the fund," Bellas said.

GWTF has been receiving a flood of letters coming from former garment workers who want to avail of the $600,000 intended to assist garment workers who are still on Saipan facing hardships resulting from their former employment.

The $600,000 is the left over money from the Garment Oversight Board that wasn't distributed to the former garment workers eligible to avail of the funds in the settlement of the class action against the garment factories.

The former GOB established the GWTF. GOB was set up pursuant to the $20-million settlement agreement in the class action against the garment industry.

PARENT OF SPECIAL KID CLAIMS

PSS violates 'No Child Left Behind Act'

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REPORTER

A parent of a special education student is accusing the Public School System of violating the Child Left Behind Act by not providing the mandated service for his U.S. citizen children.

Allan Vila, 35, said his daughter has suffered from PSS' lack services for the special needs his daughter.

Vila's 8-year-old daughter has pervasive developmental disorder and constantly needs the service of qualified experts in the field.

However, due to lack of specialists such as a neurologist and occupational and speech pathologist, Vila said his child's development and progress has been hampered.

"My daughter is a highly functional [kid]…but the continuous neglect of the school system on the services she needs greatly affects her progress. This has been going around for many years and I can't stand it anymore. I need to do something for my kid," he said.

Vila disclosed that last year, his family was forced to send their daughter to a Philippine hospital just to make sure she availed of the needed service.

The father said her daughter underwent tests by a developmental neurologist, pediatric neurologist, and a general doctor and it cost the family about $6,000.

The doctors recommended a once-a-week or regular service for Vila's daughter which PSS has failed to provide.

The third grade special student is scheduled again for another check up next year, according to Vila.

Under the Individual Educational Program—an agreement signed by PSS and the parents—Vila's daughter will be provided the services such as that of a neurologist.

Vila admitted that though his daughter received some services from Oleai, he described it as "irregular" and "not enough."

"Imagine one special education specialist attending to more than 700 students with special needs?" Vila said, adding that the situation frustrates a lot of parents who have similar concerns for their children.

He also expressed worry on the capability of some teacher aides and assistants who lack the qualification to handle needs of special students like her daughter.

Last Thursday, Vila formally approached Oleai Elementary School vice principal Jack Sablan about the "serious effects" of his daughter not receiving the service.

He was provided a "notice of action" and complaint management form for the formal filing at the commissioner's office. The complaint is being prepared Wednesday and expected to be filed today.

Vila appealed to PSS to seriously consider the plight of the parents of special education students.

"With this situation, I don't think PSS is adhering to the mandate of NCLB…because they are leaving our children behind," he said, adding that he will not wait for a serious incident to happen to his daughter as a result of this "neglect."

He said the sufferings of his kid may also serve as a wake-up call to all parents who have the same concern for their children.

In an e-mail to *Saipan Tribune*, Commissioner of Education Dr. Rita A. Sablan refused to give further comments on the issue citing its confidentiality.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Sablan said PSS must exercise when to speak about individuals whether they are students with disabilities or not.

However, the commissioner said she is willing to meet with Villa and discuss the concern of his daughter.

"This becomes a FERPA issue once we release information without an official written statement from Mr. Vila," the commissioner said.

PSS is having difficulty hiring qualified personnel for special education. Positions for needed specialists are considered hard-to-fill up to this time.

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Tropical storm moves away from the Marianas

Tropical Depression 22W turned into a tropical storm, but fortunately it moved away from the Marianas yesterday afternoon.

As of 1pm, the tropical storm watch for Guam has been canceled, according to the National Weather Service in Guam.

Packing sustained winds at 40 miles per hour Tropical Storm 22W made its closest approach to Guam 140 miles south-southwest at 10am yesterday. This is 195 miles south-southwest of Rota, 260 miles south-southwest of Tinian, and 275 miles south-southwest of Saipan.

In the afternoon, the storm continued moving rapidly west or away from the Marianas. At 1pm, the center was 155 miles southwest of Guam, 205 miles southwest of Rota, 270 miles southwest of Tinian, and 280 miles southwest of Saipan.

NWS said the storm is expected to intensify during the next 24 hours.

A small craft advisory is in effect for the Marianas waters.

"Small craft should wait until marine conditions subside before venturing out to sea. Surf will be hazardous and rip currents are dangerous," NWS said.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial advised the public to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches.

"Especially those along east and south facing reefs, dangerous rip currents can be life threatening," said Fitial in the special marine advisory released by the Emergency Management Office. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Candidates invited to attend CDD forum

The CNMI Council on Development Disabilities is sponsoring forums for all party candidates running for House of Representative and the Senate.

The forum will allow individuals with disabilities an opportunity to exercise their rights to speak and be heard as members of this community in areas of education, transportation, employment, housing, and health.

The forum on Saipan be held tomorrow, Oct. 17, at the Saipan World Resort Hotel.

The forum on Tinian will be held at the Tinian Elementary School on Oct. 23 and 30 beginning at 10am, while the forum on Rota will be announced on a later date.

The council is inviting participants of the program, families of children with disabilities, private and non-profit organizations, and state agency representatives who advocate for people with disabilities to take part in this forum.

The council is asking all interested candidates to call its office to confirm their participation. Contact persons are Ray D. Diaz and Lillian S. Ada at 664-7001. ***(PR)***

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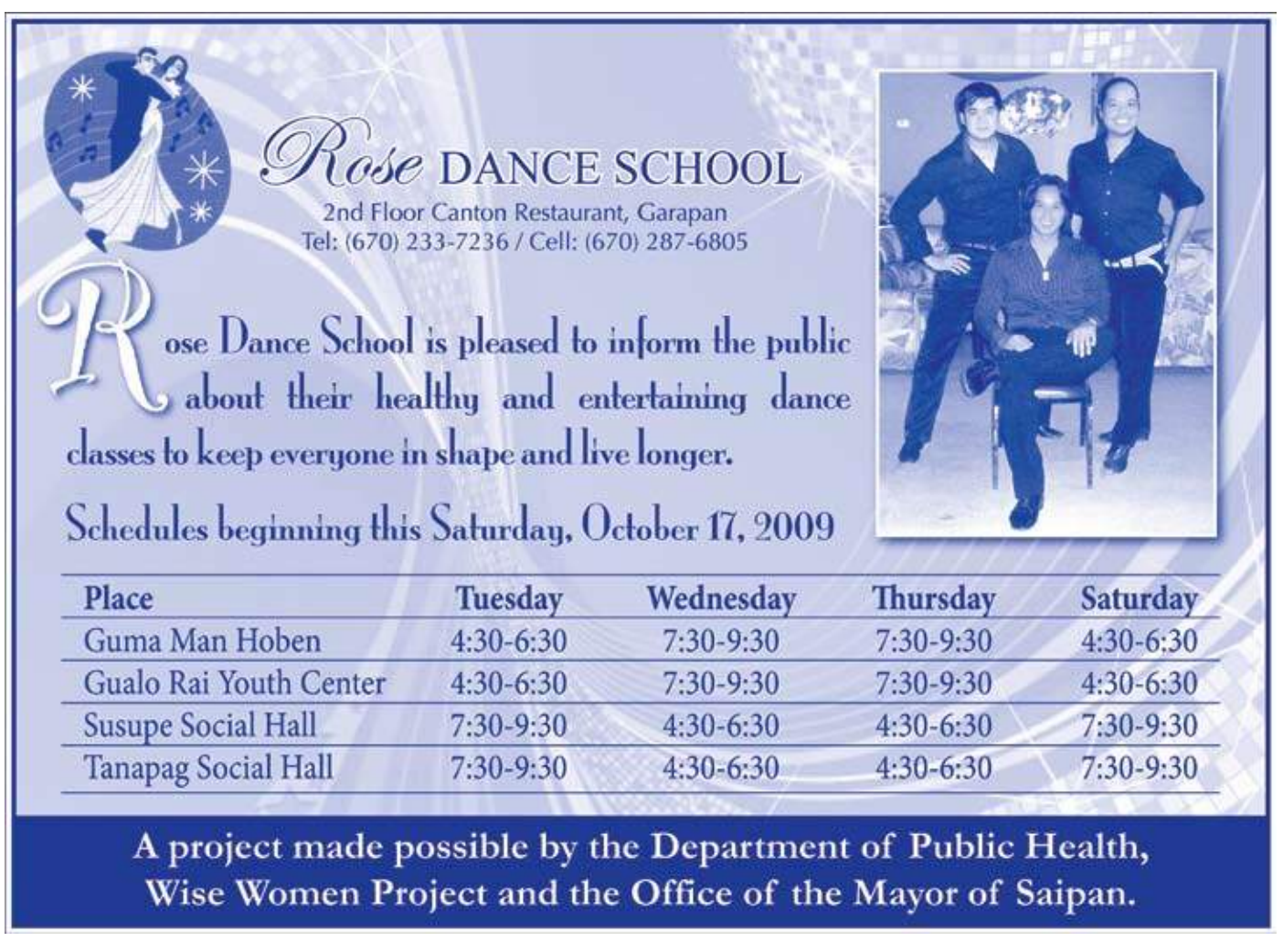
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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 16, 2000

House okays hiring for crucial gov't jobs

The House of Representatives on Friday passed two measures aimed at addressing what it said as shortage in key personnel in government offices due to insufficient local labor pool with the required skills and training. Both legislation, authored by Health and Welfare Committee chair Rep. Malua T. Peter, will provide the government badly-needed staff such as teachers, doctors and engineers if signed into law by the governor. The government is the largest single employer on the islands with nearly 5,000 employees and payroll of at least $180 million each year.

Democrats name Borja as standard bearer in 2001 polls

Former Lt. Gov. Jesse C. Borja has pledged to provide a better future for the people of the Commonwealth as the Democratic Party declared him their official candidate for the gubernatorial elections in November 2001. However, the committee to elect Mr. Borja has withheld the announcement of his runningmate until after the Republican Party's primary on Nov. 4. Hundreds of supporters attended the dinner fundraiser held at Plumeria Hotel which included former Gov. Carlos Camacho, Representatives Rosiky Camacho, Dino M. Jones, Brigida Ichihara and Bobby Guerrero. "I pledge to you and our Commonwealth my commitment and dedication, my integrity and a lot of hard work. I make this pledge based on my willingness and desire to serve you and our Commonwealth, my experiences and my education," he said.

Oct. 16, 2001

USPS on alert against anthrax-laced mail

US Postal Service employees over the weekend participated in a stand-up session that dwelled on safety procedures, including ways to spot suspicious-looking mail, following threats of anthrax allegedly being transmitted through the post. The agency conducted routine learning programs for its employees on safe and secure mail handling procedures to beef up efforts against the possible spread of the deadly bacteria, which has reportedly affected 12 persons in the US as of Monday. But Postmaster John William San Nicolas upheld Postmaster General John E. Potter's statement that there has not been a confirmed case of anthrax transmission using US mail.

$20M golf course eyed for Tinian

A proposed 18-hole golf course amounting to $20 million is now being eyed for Tinian, after the Bougainville Resort Corp. submitted a proposal for such a project at the Board of Public Lands. Sen. Joaquin G. Adriano said officials of the Bougainville Resort Corp. and the Tinian Mayor's Office met with Office of Public Lands Executive Director Bertha DeLeon Guerrero on Tuesday last week, where the proposal to build the luxurious facility was presented. "I understand that that proposal is now before the Board of Public Lands," said Adriano. "I talked to the chairman of the BPL and he was very supportive of this project. During their next board meeting, they plan to take this up."

Oct. 16, 2002

Saipan airport alert level up

Asian nationals, particularly from Malaysia, Philippines, and Indonesia, are included in the high-risk list provided by the Federal Aviation Administration to the Commonwealth Ports Authority on its alert measure issued to all airports across the United States. According to CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas, all CNMI airports are at maximum-security status, particularly after the Bali bombing incident and the approval of the U.S. Congress to proceed with its war against Iraq. In an interview, Salas admitted that all measures are being taken to ensure the safety of the traveling market and the public in light of the rash of bombing incidents in different parts of the world.

DoF: No rebate checks out this month

The Department of Finance still has to release some $6 to $7 million in tax refunds, which means the timely release of rebate checks remains a remote possibility-at least at any time soon. This was confirmed yesterday by Finance Secretary Frank Villanueva, who reiterated his previous statement that the department will not be able to meet the October deadline for the release of the rebate checks. Villanueva also welcomed any audit that the Office of the Public Auditor would conduct on the rebate funds. "We welcome any audit and they could take a look at it. If there's any information that we could provide to OPA, we're here to assist them in any way," said Villanueva.

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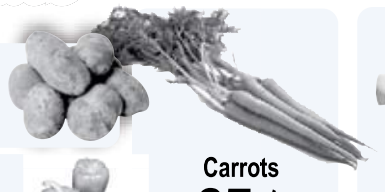

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REHABILITATING HEALTH CARE:

Insurers push back

The push for comprehensive health care reform started the year with such strong support from doctors, hospitals and industry groups, it seemed too good to last. And it didn't. This week, the coalition had its first defection: health insurers. As the Senate Finance Committee was poised to vote on its version of the reform legislation, the insurers' lobbying group released a sharply critical analysis by consultants PricewaterhouseCoopers. The report estimated that the bill would cause insurance premiums to rise an additional $1,500 to $4,000 over the coming decade. That's on top of the whopping increase expected if the bill weren't enacted, the report said.

It was a textbook case of checkbook research—the insurance lobby wanted a damaging set of numbers, and PricewaterhouseCoopers delivered them in a transparently contrived way. The Finance Committee shrugged off the criticism Tuesday, approving the bill by a 14-9 vote. Despite the report's faults, though, the consultants had a point. There are flaws at the heart of the bill that lawmakers cannot ignore.

The insurance industry waited remarkably long to open fire, given that one of the goals of the overhaul is to stop insurers from doing many of the things they do to improve their bottom lines. Every one of the proposals for comprehensive reform tries to stop insurers from cherry-picking customers and denying claims on flimsy pretexts. But insurers backed the Obama administration's reform efforts at first because their interests aligned with those of doctors, hospitals and consumers in support of three interlocking aims: to extend coverage to all Americans, rein in rising costs and improve quality. Universal insurance coverage would bring millions of new customers to the companies and broaden the risk pool, raising insurers' revenue and spreading their costs over a wider base.

The Senate Finance Committee bill, however, won't deliver universal coverage. In fact, it would leave an estimated 25 million people, or 6 percent of those who are eligible, uninsured in 2019 (congressional analysts studied the bill's effect over 10 years). This shortfall is one of the main reasons the insurance lobby is unhappy. The House versions of the bill, by contrast, would cover all but 3 percent% of the population (excluding illegal immigrants) by 2019. The House bills would spend significantly more on subsidies too—$773 billion over 10 years, compared with $463 billion in the Finance Committee bill.

All of the competing bills approved by House and Senate committees would impose a new mandate on Americans to obtain health insurance, with subsidies for those earning less than four times the federal poverty level ($10,830 for an individual or $22,000 for a family of four). But the Senate Finance Committee version would provide subsidies to fewer people and, for some recipients, smaller amounts. As a consequence, millions of people would find themselves unable to afford coverage even with the subsidies. Any bills they could not pay would be passed along to those with insurance, raising their premiums.

Equally troubling, millions of others who could afford coverage would be likely to forgo it and pay the penalty set by the Finance Committee bill, which is much less than the price of an insurance policy. Many young, healthy people would have an incentive to wait until they became seriously ill before obtaining coverage because, under the bill, insurers could no longer deny coverage or base premiums on their customers' medical histo-

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A piece of Pacific history: The B-25

By ED STEPHENS

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Tinian's place in history was well-secured by the mighty B-29, a giant (for the times) strategic bomber that finally put Japan within reach of serious land-based U.S. air power. But the B-29 was late-comer on the WWII scene; deliveries didn't start until the last half of 1943. By that point, the far smaller B-25 Mitchell bomber was already a famous and decorated veteran, as many of the Commonwealth's history scholars will probably know. I recently got to take a look at an airworthy B-25 Mitchell bomber. Though I didn't get to fly it, merely looking it over was still a thrill.

Truly cool retro stuff has a foot in the past and in the present. And the B-25 fits this bill.

Even if you're not an aviation or history buff, you've probably crossed paths with the B-25 in literature or movies. Joseph Heller's classic novel, *Catch-22*, was based on the exploits of a B-25 crew in WWII Italy. Saipan's Bestseller books has the book in stock, and I do recommend it.

The book *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo*, a war memoir written by Capt. Ted Larson, came out in 1943 and was shortly followed by a movie of the same name. Larson was a B-25 pilot who participated in the audacious raid on Tokyo in 1942, in which these bombers were actually launched from an aircraft carrier to get them within striking range of Japan. That event saw Larson lose his left leg and sustain other injuries after crashing his B-25 into the China Sea.

First, a very brief description: The B-25 had a crew of six. It first flew in 1939, had two engines, and modern tricycle-style landing gear (as opposed to the more difficult to operate "tail dragger" configuration that was popular at the time).

Elsewhere in the Pacific, the B-25 saw action in the Philippines and New Guinea, to name a couple of places. I don't know if any B-25s saw action in the Marianas.

First, a very brief description: The B-25 had a crew of six. It first flew in 1939, had two engines, and modern tricycle-style landing gear (as opposed to the more difficult to operate "tail dragger" configuration that was popular at the time).

My first impression upon seeing it up close: This is a surprisingly small airplane. In the movies they seemed so big. I guess the camera adds 10 lbs., as they say...or maybe 10 tons if you're a bomber.

On one hand it is, of course, old technology, complete with ancient radial engines and machine gun barrels jutting out of the craft pointing every which way.

But the B-25 was very pioneering in some ways. It was big enough to be a bomber, of course, and would drop ordinance from way up in the wild blue yonder. But it was also small enough to serve in the attack role, able to get down and dirty, coming in very low at treetop, using not only bombs but machine guns as well. That's one versatile aircraft. And it must have had good handling characteristics, because you couldn't get away such low-altitude hijinx in a clunker.

And here's some trivia that leads to a pretty interesting story. The B-25 Mitchell is said to be the only aircraft type in the U.S. inventory that's named after a person. Army Air Service Col. Billy Mitchell was one of the world's most visionary aviation pioneers and an early proponent of air power.

Fully 20 years before the Pearl Harbor attack, Mitchell did a bombing demonstration that showed the vulnerability of large ships to aerial bombardment. This heresy against doctrine triggered the ire of the crusty old boys in the military establishment, and Mitchell was none too popular. His general outspokenness eventually lead to a court martial. He passed away in 1936, before he could see his ideas fully vindicated by WWII.

The B-25 must have been a very workable design, because there are examples of them still flying to this day.

Incidentally, as for the B-29, there are none flying right now, though I was informed by the Commemorative Air Force (a volunteer organization headquartered in Texas) that their B-29, dubbed "FIFI," is getting some fresh engines and will be flying again next year.

Many old warbirds leave me a bit indifferent, but the B-25 is one that just looks fun to fly, which is the main reason I find it so interesting. Its distinguished history is, for me, merely a bonus.

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Letters to the Editor

ARRA Q&A

First, the power is out for third time this month even though we were told the power problems were over so I decided to try and do something constructive since the ARRA question is such a hop topic.

I think it is only fair to say that the ARRA problem IS NOT entirely Secretary Ada's fault because the ultimate accountability falls on Sec. Ada's boss and his fellow cabinet members. The politics of America is a TEAM SPORT as there are just too many factors and too many aspects of governing for one person to handle. The team has let Sec. Ada down and now he is the "fall guy" for the administration so we shouldn't be too hard on him because I believe he is really trying his best to get the job done.

Sec Ada said it was unfair because our federal money is somehow different from all the other states, the territories, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico which is literally our "din ga" in the American family. Well my first question is how is our money so different from the rest of the nation when the money is given to us under the same law and same conditions? I really want to hear what will have to be an oxymoron form of rational to this question and I'm sure there are many others who want to know.

Sec. Ada said our Delegate to Congress has constantly complained about how slow we are at spending the money. Well I can only say kudos to Kilili but the question is how can he be wrong for speaking as loud as he can to get the people he represent some badly needed help? It should also be noted that our record of slow spending dates back to when former governor Babauta was our Washington Rep as I can personally remember him complaining about the same thing which is a long term indicator of it being a habitual practice. I'm saying this because our next governor will have to change this practice—we must become more efficient in all areas. If we can't even spend free money how can we ever expect to find prosperity in the Commonwealth or to become self-sufficient, which should be our ultimate goal.

Sec. Ada mentioned autonomous agencies had not reported, well I know autonomy does not relieve these agencies from complying with federal laws. There are also special assistants and secretaries appointed to by the Executive Branch to govern over all the autonomous agencies and the question is why haven't they turned in their reports? People with common sense want answers not rational.

Sec. Ada said that he was not going to rush and break the —well I think the whole purpose of the ARRA was to RUSH—duh! Everybody else was rushing but us and that's the point of this exercise. So the question is does that mean all the other states and territories have broken the law? The question itself is ridiculous so you don't have to be an Albert Einstein to know the answer. Why didn't we do our homework and adopt some of the parts of the BEST plans used by the states and territories? Why do we always have to reinvent the wheel?

Sec. Ada said there was only $26.58 million available. But just because there is less available than announced the question is how relevant is the $26.58 million when we are still dead last with less than 3 percent spent of the entire $54 million we will get? I added an extra percentage point on this estimate and it still won't help make things look any better but I would like to hear the answer.

Sec. Ada also admitted not knowing how many jobs have been created and the amount that has been spent within the CNMI which was a self-incriminating statement about this administration's lack of accountability. Sec. Ada couldn't have the answer because like I said in my previous letter no one is doing their homework, just watching. The lack of accountability is not on Mr. Ada and I hope he will excuse me for using his name so much but he is representing and speaking for the administration and it comes with the job.

The entire ARRA issue is about a team and its leadership which seems dysfunctional when it comes to playing the federal games of politics and law. I'm sure everyone may be doing their best but like the song says, "sometimes your best isn't good enough." So please don't take this personal because this is ultimately about the welfare of every person living in the CNMI and I'm just doing my civic duty as an active and concerned citizen who wants to be informed.

People with common sense know that if something needs stimulating that means it is in trouble and even dying. We (the people and businesses) literally can't afford for this administration to "let it be" and take its time to stimulate our dying economy.

I do appreciate the rational because it does show that someone on the Hill is at least listening but we (the people) are loud on this issue

See ARRA on Page 13

Ban smoking

First off I must make it clear that the ideas that I am putting out are mine and mine alone. I just hope that you will read them and think about what I have to say.

To the Legislature: Once again you have proven just how much out of touch you are with the people. You just passed a smoking ban on the island. Did you stop to think how it is going to affect the small business on the island? Most of the business depends on tourists for their survival. Guess what, a large percent of the tourist smoke. If they cannot smoke in a business establishment they will not go there; and they will not come back to the island and they will tell their friends not to come here.

I know it is an election year and you think you have to do something to show voters that you are working. Well, why don't you spend you time addressing the real problems on the island, such as the economy, the corruption in the government? If you have to pass a law on smoking ban, pass one that makes sense. Allow the business to create a "smoking area" and "no smoking area." You do not have to step on the rights of the smokers to get what you seem to want. I encourage all the voters to find out which lawmakers voted for this smoking ban. If they are up for re-election do not vote for them. We need to get some new blood in the Legislature. We need lawmakers that will work for the people not against them.

To the governor: Governor, are you for real? You have taken one of Senator Ray Guerrero's ideas and messed it all up. He wants to bring in quality medical specialists to man the hospital. You want to bring in a group of doctors from the Philippines. You need to make a call to the hospital on Guam. They tried this and when the doctors got to Guam many of them could not pass the U.S. certification test. Most of them are now working as nurses at the hospital. Nice try governor, but no cigar. Please ask yourself who do you want to treat you; a certified doctor or someone who is working under a third party certification?

Fred Prosser
As Matuis

Looking for Manuel Aldan

I was stationed in Guam (USN) in 1954-55, and had the pleasure of doing some temporary duty on Saipan.

As I recall it was totally undeveloped, and I don't even recall a store of any kind. I met a gentleman named Manuel Aldan, who was a dentist, and a wonderful, generous man. I'm sure that he is no longer alive, but I would like to hear some information about him, and his later years after 1955.

Dr. Manuel Wallace
Via e-mail

Dear people of Precinct III

Buenas yan saludo. Guahu si Daniel I. Aquino Jr. candidaton Republican Party para i House of Representatives Precinct 3 numero ocho gi baloto.

Megai na problema tafafana pago ya ha estototba i sinienteta tat como:

1. Problema choco
2. Edukasion famaguonta
3. Sufisienti salape para tafaan nenkanu yan para apas kandit yan hanom.

Megai giya hita man tai checo pat ti ma gagana sufisienti para linala niha. Kada sakan mas ki mit na manhoben manman aliligao chocho niha, lao taya chocho guaha para siha yan locue para i estudiante ni para unfanma gradua gi koleho.

Malangu i systema ya ha nesisita operasion! Hafa na para ta sigi domittrina i famaguonta para hu fan man estudia ya hu mana funayan i eskuelan niha ya hu fan halom gi koleho anai ta tungnoha na taya para siha gi presenti na systeman para hufan ma emplea.

I systema amko! Mayulang ya ha nesisita hu ma aregla. Matto i tiempo anai i Civil Service Commission debi hu ma disatma ya tana guaha systema ni para hu rekotnisa ya ti hu chanda i manhoben pat i manma gradua na estudiante ni pago ma chachagi man aligao checo niha gi gobiernamento.

Debi di ta aligaoji systema ni sinya machocho ya si nya setbi i nesisidad cada uno giya hita. I taotao siha ni para ufan ma emplea gi para government workforce investment act debi de ofan man nai pitmanenti na chocho, ahi ti para temporario ha.

Debi di i private sector hu para man aligao eskusu ni ti hufan emplea kualificao na taotao tano. Debi di todo business ni manmanae Qualifying Certificate yan tax benefits hu mana

Guaha apprenticeship program para hufan ma training yan hufan ma emplea i taotaota siha.

Debi di esti siha na business hu mana guaha managerial internship program para i estudiante gi koleho ni mabira siha magi. Ya gi mismo tiempo este siha na business debi di hu hatsa i man kualificao na taotaota mas ki i supervisor na posision tat komo human resource manager, etc. Ya hu nae este taotaota mas podet gi funksion pat actividat i compania pareho yan i pumalo siha gi pareho na katagoria.

Taya esta tiempo para sigi ha tafan man aligao exkusu pat para tan fan adagi. Bai hu mumu yi hamyu. Pot este na rason na kon humitde hugagagao ayudun miyu ya en bota yu, numero ocho gi baloto. Si AQUINO, Daniel Republican Precinct 3. Hu gagagao loque ayudon miyu ya en bota todo i candidatun i Republican Party kosa ki sina bai en mantenni i majoria para hu possibli i tinilaika para u guaha adelantao ya hu na libiano i kualidad linalata. Thank you, Si Yuus Maase, Olomway!

Daniel Aquino Jr.
Garapan

Message of appreciation

To all friends and families from Saipan, Tinian, Rota and Guam. On behalf of my father, Abel S. Barcinas and my siblings, we would like to extend from our heartfelt message of appreciation for your condolence and prayers at the rosary and all the support you have extended to us during the passing of our mother/wife Lucia Castro Barcinas.

Special thanks to the pastor of Kristo Rai, Rota, techa, and the choirs from both Saipan and Rota. Once again, thank you for all the help and support! We would surely not forget all the wonderful help extend to us from your heart. God bless!

SSG Ed Barcinas
Texas

A simple challenge

This communication comes in response to Ambrose Bennett's letter to the editor. While I can accept Mr. Bennett's skepticism with the government, I am not in a position to stand by and allow grandstanding to confuse the situation.

Rather than the back-and-forth about what Mr. Bennett does or does not know regarding the ARRA or government operations, I issue a simple challenge. I am hosting public information sessions next week on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

On Saipan, it will be at the Multi-Purpose Center on Oct. 20, Oct. 21 on Tinian, and Oct. 22 on Rota. Since Mr. Bennett is versed on the ARRA and ways to improve our progress, I challenge him and all others to attend and provide SOLUTIONS…not criticism.

Rather than trying to gain credibility by swaying public opinion through letters to the editor, I ask that all who have questions simply come and ask the questions. Let's not politicize this effort as many of my critics have attempted to do. Whether Covenant, Republican, or independent, this is a program that is massive in nature and will benefit the CNMI if we all are on the same page.

I will keep my presentation as brief and concise as possible to leave as much time for questions and answers. Again, I will not tolerate unjust and uniformed criticism any further than I already have; rather I look to partner with citizens who can bring solutions.

I don't claim to have all the answers and while my innate urge is to embarrass Mr. Bennett for his uniformed commentary, I shoulder the responsibility for his lack of understanding as I have not provided as much public outreach as necessary.

Mr. Bennett, I ask you and anyone you know that takes issue with the way the ARRA is being handled, to please attend this event on Oct. 20, 2009 at the Multi-Purpose Center from 5pm to 7pm. I look forward to your questions and solutions.

Michael Ada
Commerce Secretary

INSURERS

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ries. This sort of "adverse selection" would drive up the cost of insurance, because those who obtained policies would be sicklier on average than today's insurance pool.

Senate Democratic leaders will now try to reconcile the Finance Committee bill with the more free-spending alternative approved by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. They should take the opportunity to address the affordability problem and the incentive to forgo coverage, both of which interfere with the bill's efforts to control costs. Simply pumping more dollars into subsidies and jacking up the penalties for noncompliance, however, isn't the solution. Subsidies may need to be higher than the Finance Committee proposed, but Congress should also give the market flexibility to develop more affordable options for coverage, such as less expensive policies that cover major expenses, not routine ones.

A related idea promoted by the left-of-center think tank Third Way is to reduce the minimum benefits the legislation would require insurers to provide, which should lessen the cost of coverage. Lowering the minimum benefit level would raise out-of-pocket costs for many consumers, but that's a fair trade-off for more affordable options and fewer uninsured. Making the mandatory coverage less expensive would give consumers more reason to comply. So too would allowing insurers to impose waiting periods for new policies. Such steps would help produce a meaningful individual mandate, which is vital—not just to insurers but to the effort to deliver more accessible and affordable health care.

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The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲85	▼76
Palau	Rain	▲86	▼77
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲88	▼77
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲87	▼74
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼77
Majuro	Rain	▲84	▼76

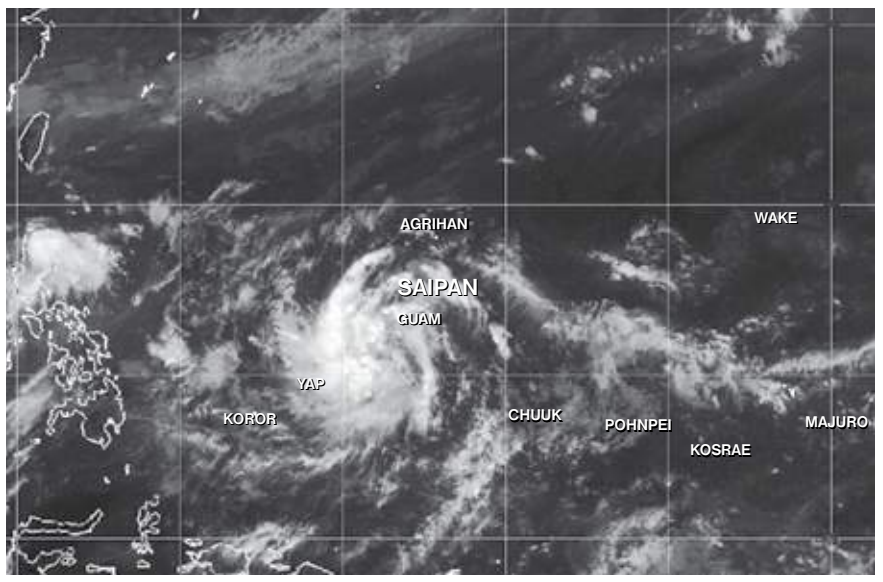
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲65	▼56
Beijing	Partly Sunny	▲64	▼45
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲88	▼75
Honolulu	Partly Sunny	▲83	▼72
London	Partly Sunny	▲61	▼41
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲85	▼62
Manila	Rain	▲84	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲61	▼47
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼75
New York	Rain	▲45	▼41
Osaka	Sunny	▲69	▼55
Paris	Showers	▲52	▼45
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼56
Rome	Partly Sunny	▲62	▼46
Salem	Rain	▲69	▼52
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼57
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲70	▼52
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼57
Washington, DC	Rain	▲48	▼42

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
5:45 AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
12:01 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
6:07 PM Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm 22W is southwest of Guam near 12N144E and moving westward at nearly 25 mph. Scattered heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms are between 6N and 15N from 140E to 146E. For more information, see bulletins issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM and JTWC under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW. A monsoon trough extends eastward from the Central Philippines across 12N130E to Tropical Storm 22W centered southwest of Guam at 12N144E then turns southeastward to end near Chuuk at 7N152E. Convergent northeast winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Yap and Palau in an area from 16N138E to 10N140E to 8N133E to 13N131E. Convergent southwest winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southwest of Chuuk within 75 miles of a line from 6N151E to 2N148E. Trade-wind convergence is causing scattered showers from northeast of Chuuk across Pohnpei to north of Kosrae in an area from 14N156E to 9N168E to 5N155E to 9N151E back to 14N156E and northeast of Majuro between 7N and 11N from 173E to 180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Saturday	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Sunday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Monday	6:09 AM	5:54 PM
Tuesday	6:10 AM	5:54 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:02 AM	3:36 PM
Saturday	3:58 AM	4:17 PM
Sunday	4:53 AM	4:59 PM
Monday	6:46 AM	6:27 PM
Tuesday	7:43 AM	7:15 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2009

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:50am	12:25pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:20am	5:10am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:50am	1:20pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:30pm	1:20pm	4, 5
C09603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW99	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 5, 6
NW78	9:00am	2:05pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
NW75	3:50pm	6:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	1, 3, 4, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	1, 3, 4, 6 via KIX
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:30pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:15am	3:50am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:10am	2:40am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:10am	3:50am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:20am	11:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW76	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
NW77	6:35pm	1:40am+1	2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
NW100	8:40pm	1:20am+1	1, 4, 5, 7 effective Oct 1

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:55pm	2:20am+1	2, 3, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	4, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	2, 3, 5, 7 via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:50pm	2:30pm+1	3, 6 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	4, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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Letter to the Editor

Are you serious?

The other day I brought two of my kids to CHC. The children's clinic staff said there is no doctor on board for a month. We were then referred to the ER.

At the ER were told to wait because there is just one doctor and several emergencies. After waiting for more than four hours we decided to throw in the towel and get medical attention elsewhere.

We were fortunate to have gone to a private clinic where we were entertained and my kids were examined and we left in under 20 minutes.

When you think about it, the CNMI always say we are storm, earthquake, and tsunami ready? You think! How could CHC be prepared if there is a burning five- storey building with at least 10 injured people and needs immediate medical attention let alone a natural disaster?

CHC can't even clear out people with minor symptoms in the waiting room. Even if it is an emergency I doubt CHC can handle such a challenge. I challenge all politicians to focus their priorities at education, public safety, and public health because I feel they have not paid much attention to those anymore.

Running for office? For who? So you could get a state funeral? Stop wasting our tax dollars. I'm so sick of this crap!

Vince G. Cabrera
Chalan Piao

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because we really don't want to hear rational. The CNMI is literally drowning, which is why our President and Congress sent immediate help but our leadership has chosen to take their time to save us based on Sec Ada's own words. A drowning group of people won't take kindly to our administration taking its time to save us. I'm sure most people with common sense won't forget those words of Sec. Ada on Nov. 7 and that's the truth.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman

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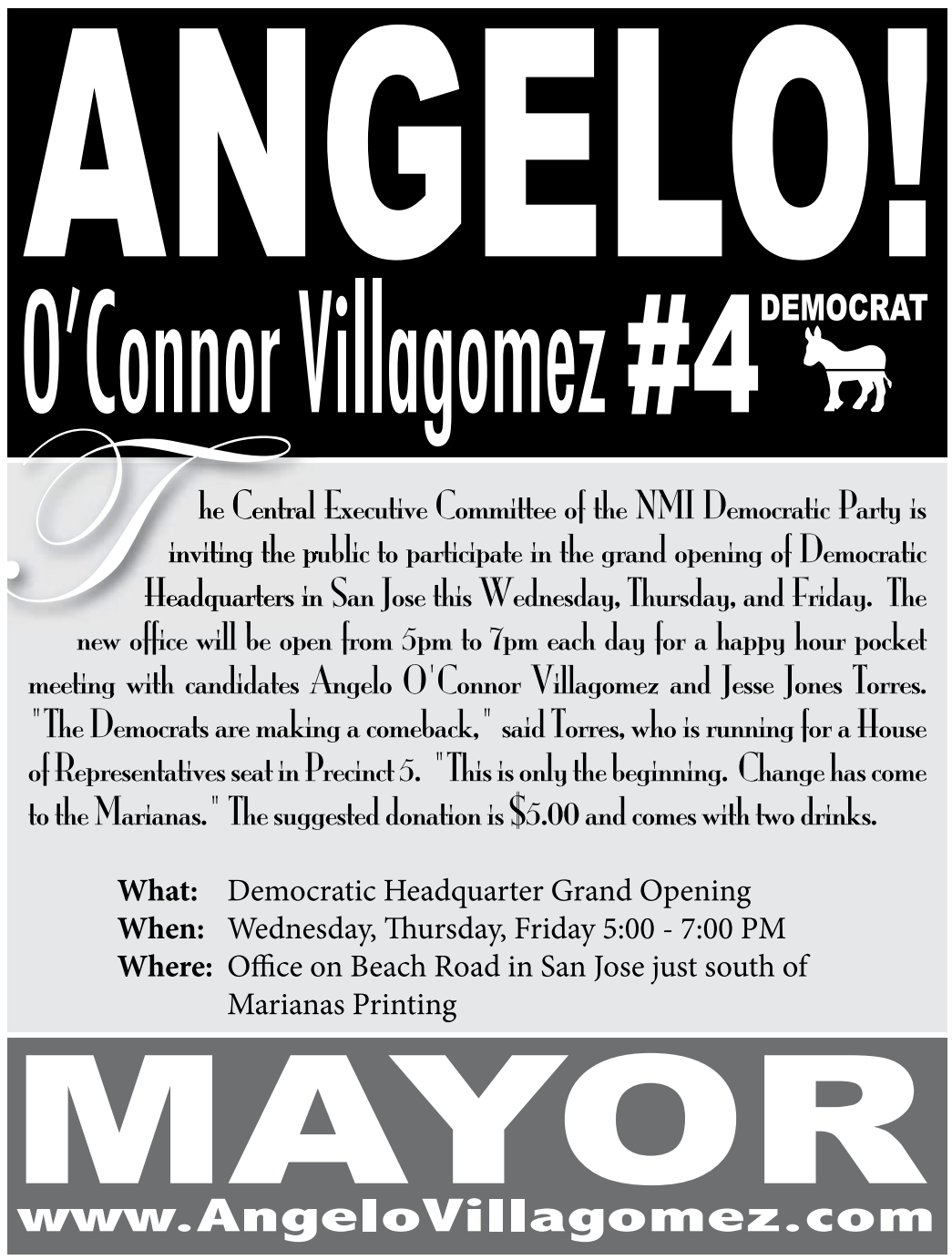
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O'Connor Villagomez #4
DEMOCRAT
The Central Executive Committee of the NMI Democratic Party is inviting the public to participate in the grand opening of Democratic Headquarters in San Jose this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The new office will be open from 5pm to 7pm each day for a happy hour pocket meeting with candidates Angelo O'Connor Villagomez and Jesse Jones Torres. "The Democrats are making a comeback," said Torres, who is running for a House of Representatives seat in Precinct 5. "This is only the beginning. Change has come to the Marianas." The suggested donation is $5.00 and comes with two drinks.
What: Democratic Headquarter Grand Opening
When: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Where: Office on Beach Road in San Jose just south of Marianas Printing
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www.AngeloVillagomez.com

Letter to the Editor

'Just don't ask any tough questions'

It is becoming clear that Congressman Sablan may not be in complete control of his office. I've seen the congressman in person, in numerous articles and interviews where he has indirectly claimed credit and inappropriately lambasted hardworking individuals. I'm curious about the directional leadership being provided within the office because these attention grabbing tactics provide insight to a short-sighted approach for his term in Congress. Within a short amount of time it is easy to see the lack of planning conducted by the congressman's office in order to promote progress within the community. A good question that should be asked in some his interviews is:

Who is really pulling the strings in the congressman's office?

While Congressman Sablan has spent some of his term attempting to employ some important initiatives, a significant amount of time has been wasted making announcements promoting progress made in the CNMI and taking credit, while other people work day-in and day-out to make this progress possible. The congressman in the past month announced funding awarded for weatherization in the amount of $318,082, a great win for the CNMI. There was a noticeable lack of acknowledgement for the people responsible for this funding; specifically the good people at DPW-DOE (check them out at www.cnmienergy.com). Another good question to ask the congressman:

Why does his office consistently fail to recognize the people who have worked hard to make progress possible?

Time has also been misspent criticizing the hard working people in the CNMI. These are the people that work together and take action to promote advancement of the community. In a recent interview the congressman criticized local funding efforts but had no direct communication with the government about the issues he claimed were holding up funding. It is sad to report that election years promote short-sighted vision in terms of working together and beyond the lackadaisical blame game campaigns. This clouded approach halts progress important to making decisions about what we can do now to be in a better place tomorrow, next year, ten years from now and so on. Question for the Congressman:

On the issues and people you criticize, what has your office accomplished by working together with local agencies to make progress?

I recently met Congressman Sablan after he spoke at a Chamber of Commerce meeting. At the meeting the congressman begrudgingly answered a few questions after his speech. I had the opportunity to ask the last question listed above, specifically about funding made available through the federal stimulus. His response was depressing and uninspired. The congressman pointed a finger and admitted that he has no responsibility when it comes to this funding (finally some truth). A separate question asked by another person in attendance was: What contingency planning has your office completed in the event federalization of immigration is not delayed, in order to help with local transition efforts? His response was that his office has planned nothing and that we will have to just deal with it when it comes. While this is not the type of planning needed to move forward, it was not far off from the expectation I had via some insight shared by the congressman's key staff leader.

The following record is a partial and factual account of my encounter and conversation with Congressman Sablan's Chief of Staff, Bob Schwalbach.

In August, I spoke with Bob Schwalbach about some of the congressman's planned speaking engagements. I expressed interest to attend the public engagements and Bob Schwalbach's response made me raise an eyebrow. Bob Schwalbach's immediate and definitive response to my interest left me with many questions, especially about the sentiment within the congressman's office. Here is what he expressed:

"Just don't ask any tough questions."

While it's fair to want to ask these "tough" and important questions, it should also be a very real and shared expectation that the response will leave much to be desired. With unsupported attacks on people, questionable credit claiming, little collaborative efforts and limited forward planning many questions linger.

Jose J. Padilla
Navy Hill, Saipan

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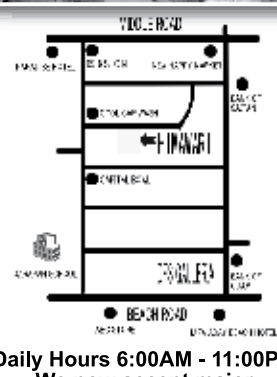

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CEC starts public education for '09 legislative initiatives

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Election Commission started its public education on legislative initiatives that will be included in the ballots for the November general elections.

In three different languages, the agency published Wednesday the first educational materials for public awareness on legislative initiative 16-11, which is to amend Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution to hold regular general elections only in even-numbered years.

There are three legislative and one popular initiative that are approved for inclusion on the Nov. 7 ballots.

The election commission announcement stated that with the implementation of U.S. Public Law 110-229 granting the Commonwealth a non-voting delegate to the U.S. Congress, the CNMI has to conduct a separate election for that office in even-numbered years starting in 2008. This is in addition to the regular general election in odd-numbered years as mandated by law.

The commission said that by not holding an election every year, the government could realize some savings that can be utilized in other programs and services in need of additional funds.

Once two elections are held simultaneously, CEC will have an estimated savings of $87,530.

"The Senate has found that by holding one election instead of two, a reported $87,530 would be saved. This could be used for other programs and services," the agency said.

In the short term, CEC said that this legislative initiative once ratified by the people would affect the length of terms of the individuals that are voted in office.

This means an additional year in the term of elected officials: House Representatives will serve a three-year term instead of customary two years; senators will serve five years instead of four years; and the mayors, governor and lieutenant governor will serve five-year terms from the existing four-year term in office.

Public education for three other initiatives is expected to follow including legislative initiative 15-3 which calls for the people's approval on the selection of a student representative and teachers' representative to the PSS, as well as proposed schools annual budget of not less than 15 percent of the general revenues of the CNMI.

The said the initiative recommends a candidate for the students' rep to be selected by teachers at PSS and calls that selection of the teachers' representative be established by law. If ratified, each representative will serve up to only two terms.

House Legislative 16-11, which prohibits the withdrawal of any funds from the general fund except for appropriations made by law, will also be included in the ballots as well as one popular initiative which subjects the Legislature to the provisions of the Open Government Act.

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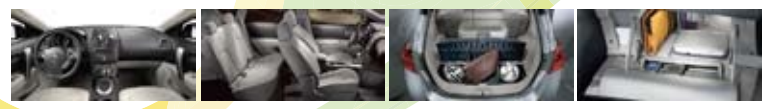

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NMHC enters agreement for housing relocation, stabilization services

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation entered into collaborative agreements with the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI), the Council on Developmental Disabilities (CDD), and the Coalition for Anti-Stigma of Mental Illness (CAMI) to assist in promoting and implementing the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program.

The program is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and is administered by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Per terms of the inter-agency agreements, NMHC partnered with above local organizations to assist in carrying the primary goals of the program which are to (1) assist eligible individuals to maintain and/or gain stable housing through short-term assistance, (2) link program participants to community resources and mainstream benefits by way of specific outreach activities, and (3) help program participants to develop a plan for preventing future housing instability.

Total funding amount available to provide direct financial assistance to eligible applicants is $335,224.00.

"We anticipate that this money will run out fast, so we will serve eligible clients on a first-come, first-serve basis," said Josh Sasamoto, NMHC corporate director. "The types of assistance that we can provide for eligible participants will include rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, utility payments, moving costs assistance, motel or hotel vouchers," he elaborated.

Asked about when people could access the program, Sasamoto said, "We are aiming to have our partners, namely NMPASI, CDD, and CAMI, to begin taking requests for assistance no later than the end of next week."

For their part, NMPASI's staff say they expect the program to have a direct impact on their own clients with disabilities who are often in need of housing. "We sought out this sub-grant with NMHC initially in reaction to the pressing housing needs of our clients and we've made it abundantly clear that we intend to be particularly aggressive in our efforts to reach out to and provide this assistance to our constituency of people with disabilities right away," said one member of the NMPASI staff. They did clarify that a person does not have to have a disability in order to qualify for the assistance under the program. An eligibility criteria for people wanting to avail of this program will be available by next week according to sources from within the involved agencies.

Anyone wishing to learn more or get some preliminary information about this program can contact the following agencies: (1) Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / (670) 235-7278 [tty] / (670) 235-7275 [fax] or via the internet at www.nmpasi.com; (2) Council on Developmental Disabilities (CDD) at (670) 664-7000; or (3) CAMI-CNMI at (670) 288-5293. ***(PR)***

MICKEY D'S IDOL WINNERS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left to right president/owner of McDonald' s Saipan Jose C. Ayuyu, Little Singing Idol grand winner for Leonard Alla, Teen Singing Idol grand winner Doyi Lee, Jr. Singing Idol grand winner Tiana Reyes, farthest right, and McDonald's personnel manager Ana Olaes.

Babauta joins Obama in ceremony for Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a ceremony yesterday at the White House, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Anthony M. Babauta joined President Barack Obama and other administration officials in an Executive Order signing ceremony for The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans.

Babauta

"This is a joyous occasion for Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans everywhere and especially for me as the first Pacific Islander Assistant Secretary of the Interior in the Nation's history," said Babauta. "I look forward to serving in the Obama administration to help improve the quality of life and create opportunities for all Asian American and Pacific Islander Americans."

The Executive Order extends an earlier one signed by President Clinton in 1999, establishing the President's Advisory Commission on improving the quality of life of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans through increased participation in federal programs.

These include federal assistance in health, human services, housing, education, labor, transportation, and economic and community development, areas in which Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans may be underserved. ***(PR)***

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For more information, please contact the CNMI Youth Congress Office at 664-8845.

Team DZSP 21 comes to the aid of A. Samoa

MASTER SGT. CARRIE HINSON

Tony Quinata, right, and Monte Garrido, both from DZSP 21, throw cargo netting over a pallet of FEMA tents Oct. 9 at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, for delivery to American Samoa after the area was struck by an earthquake and resulting tsunami.

MASTER SGT. CARRIE HINSON

Timothy Lubasan, a warehouse specialist from DZSP 21, builds a pallet full of FEMA tents Oct. 9 at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, for delivery to American Samoa after the area was struck by an earthquake and resulting tsunami.

DZSP 21 LLC employees constructed 13 pallets containing 800 Federal Emergency Management Agency tents at Andersen Air Force Base last Oct. 9.

The pallets were assembled in support of relief efforts in American Samoa which was recently struck by an earthquake and resulting tsunami. The pallets will be flown by an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III for the humanitarian aid mission.

"This is an example of how Team DZSP 21 is able to step up and support humanitarian efforts in our region and around the world," said Wayne L. Cornell, DZSP 21 project director. "Knowing that we are doing our part to help others gives us a sense of pride and satisfaction, not just as a company but as members of the community."

DZSP 21 is a limited liability company, owned by the joint venture composed of three key companies: Defense Support Services (DS2), Parsons Infrastructure & Technology, and First Support Services, Inc.

In 2005, the company was awarded a cost-plus-award-fee contract to provide support services on U.S. Naval Base Guam. Under the contract, DZSP 21 provides port operations support; facilities engineering; maintenance of facilities and infrastructure; ordnance handling and management; transportation operations and maintenance; operation and maintenance of utilities and systems; food services; contingency operations; support of Navy Safety and Occupational Health programs; Environmental programs management; material management; and public affairs support. ***(PR)***

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PROTECTION AGAINST FRAUD

Bank of Hawaii's Consumer Banking Representative manager Herminio Matsumoto explains to students and staff of the Northern Marianas College the different methods of identifying and avoiding fraud scams. The presentation, which took place at the NMC Student Center, was part of Bank of Hawaii's Free Smart Money Seminar on Protecting Yourself Against Fraud.

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Palms Resort opens ala-carte sushi bar

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Minami Restaurant
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Have you heard of coconut sushi? How about banana sushi? Want to see and taste one?

Check out Palms Resort's Minami Restaurant and its sushi bar starting today to satisfy your craving for fresh sushi made from coconut and other local produce that will complement the bar's original selections from Japan.

WHAT'S COOKING?

"We offer a wide selection of sushi made from a variety of seafood imported from Japan, but we also have special creations, which use local produce, such as coconut sushi and others made from vegetables," said Minami chef Lito Petonio.

Petonio, a veteran chef of Japanese restaurants here and in the Philippines with more than 15 years of experience in Japanese cuisine, said the regular Japanese sushi items include toro (tuna), hamachi, hirame, akagai, uni, tai, and anago.

Palms Resort executive chef David Jones added they included sushi made from local produce in the menu to give tourists and residents alike an alternative and at the same time highlight Saipan's local products.

"These original Japanese sushi items and our special creations made from coconuts and bananas are made by the "Dream Team" of Palms Resort, a team of experienced and creative chefs, who put premium on quality and freshness of products to satisfy your taste buds," Jones added.

The sushi bar will be a regular feature at Minami during lunchtime. For those who will miss lunch, but still want to enjoy a sushi feast, the bar is open from 6pm to 10pm on weekdays, starting today.

"These items will be available ala-carte style in the evening and we guarantee we will still serve fresh products," Jones added.

Palms Resort is also offering Japanese Lunch Buffet from Monday to Saturday at Minami; Mexican Night every Wednesday; All You Can Eat Steak and Seafood Teppanyaki Style Dinner at Kaenju Restaurant every night, Seafood Night Buffet at Minami every Friday; and Chinese Fusion Buffet at Minami every Saturday night;

For reservations or for more information, call 322-3311.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Palms Resort executive chef David Jones, right, and his staff pose with their wide selection of sushi at Minami Restaurant.

TSL Foundation cuts $5K check for Red Cross

Tan Siu Lin Foundation recently donated $5,000 to the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Tan Holdings chairman Dr. Tan Siu Lin personally presented the $5,000 check to ARC officials led by executive director John Hirsh.

Also present during the check presentation were Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan and ARC officials Teresa Kim, Lou Johnson, and Juan Lizama.

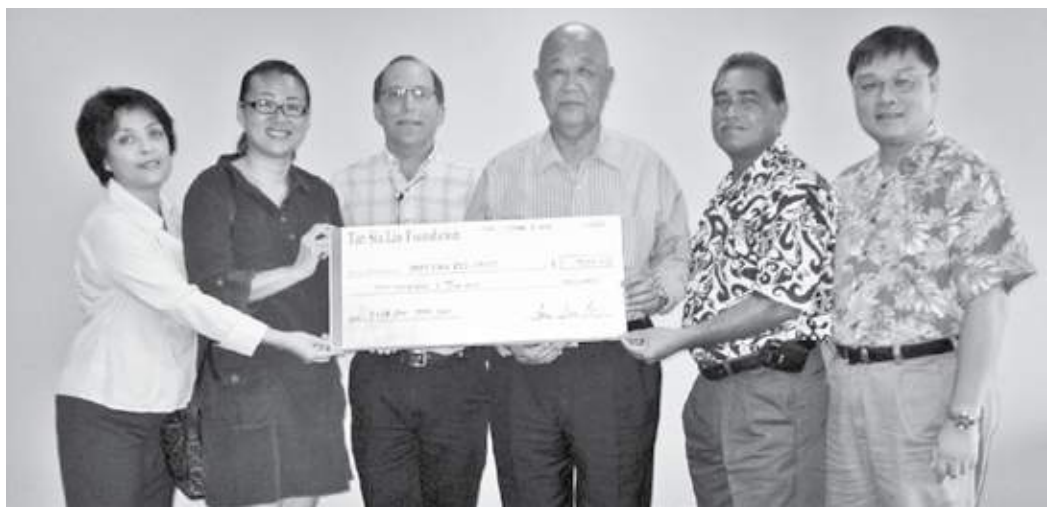
"The TSL Foundation has a long history of supporting non-profit organizations here in the Commonwealth" said Kim. "The Red Cross is fortunate to have this generous corporate donation from Tan Holdings to help support Red Cross programs here in the NMI."

Aside from the $5,000 check donation, the foundation also provided $5,000 of in-kind support.

The TSL Foundation drives reform by engaging in practice, policy, and partnerships that provide quality education, social welfare, cultural, and sports enrichment opportunities.

Its fundamental purpose is to improve the well-being of every community it serves. While many community foundations are dedicated to a city or county; the TSL Foundation is one of the few with a Western Pacific regional span.

These regions have obtained local leadership and expertise. Both the breadth of vision and deep local knowledge can help the company focus its giving where it will have the greatest impact. ***(PR)***



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From left, NMI Chapter American Red Cross officials Lou Johnson, Teresa Kim, John Hirsh, Tan Holdings chairman Dr. Tan Siu Lin, ARC's Juan Lizama, and Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan pose during Tan Siu Lin Foundation's $5,000 check donation to the non-profit group.

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4th Watch medical mission on Oct. 18

Pentecostal Church of Christ (4th Watch) will hold its fifth medical mission on Oct. 18, from 4pm to 7pm inside the church service hall.

The medical mission is part of the church's 10th year anniversary celebration and will offer free blood sugar and blood pressure check-up, reflexology and physical therapy massages, eye screening, and haircut. In addition, health care items will also be given away.

The medical mission is also soliciting the community's help and is asking for in-kind donations. The following are items that the medical mission needs:

- Health drinks
- Disinfectant alcohol
- Hand sanitizer
- Bacterial soap
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Baby oil
- Tissue
- Hand soap
- Monetary support

The church said the items will be given away to the islands' less fortunate, especially those who are jobless.

The medical mission is part of he Global Ministry of the Pentecostal Church of Christ. It originated in the Philippines and is registered as "Dalaw Kalinga Foundation" (SEC Reg. No. A200201839).

Its primary purpose is to provide free social and medical services to those in need through the help of volunteers from the church and kind-hearted people who are also willing to help.

It also provides medical assistance like blood pressure check-up, blood sugar, seminar on diabetes and heart problems, gives away reading materials/ pamphlets for good healthy habits, vision screening, and other social services such as haircut, and therapeutic massage.

On the spiritual side, the medical mission also provides counseling and prayers for the sick and those with emotional problems (log on www.dalawkalingafoundation.org).

For the past years, Dalaw Kalinga has also helped thousands of people in different regions in the Philippines as well as in Middle East. ***(PR)***

Business

Consumers show signs of life as prices stay low

WASHINGTON (AP)—Consumers may be slowly regaining their appetite to shop, as the prices they encounter in stores remain low.

One benefit of the recession is that inflation is nowhere to be seen, as consumer prices have barely grown in months. Rising unemployment, stagnant wages and tight credit have restrained consumer demand, making it difficult for retailers to raise prices.

Most economists expect that pattern to continue when the Labor Department on Thursday reports the September Consumer Price Index. Economists forecast that consumer prices rose just 0.2 percent in September, after a 0.4 percent gain in August and a flat reading in July.

In the past year, consumer prices are forecast to have fallen 1.4 percent, according to a survey of Wall Street economists by Thomson Reuters. Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, the "core" CPI is projected to have ticked up 0.1 percent in September and 1.4 percent in the past year.

Separately, economists believe new claims for jobless benefits likely rose slightly last week to 525,000. First-time claims, a gauge of recent layoffs, fell by more than 30,000 in the prior week to their lowest level since early January.

Foreclosures rise 5 percent from summer to fall

WASHINGTON (AP)—The number of households caught up in the foreclosure crisis rose more than 5 percent from summer to fall as a federal effort to assist struggling borrowers was overwhelmed by a flood of defaults among people who lost their jobs.

The foreclosure crisis affected nearly 938,000 properties in the July-September quarter, compared with about 890,000 in the prior three months, according to a report released Thursday by RealtyTrac Inc. That puts foreclosure-related filings on a pace to hit about 3.5 million this year, up from more than 2.3 million last year.

Unemployment is the main reason homeowners are falling into trouble. While the economy is likely out of recession, the unemployment rate—now at a 26-year high of 9.8 percent—isn't expected to peak until the middle of next year.

Mortgage companies sometimes allow unemployed homeowners to defer three to six months of payments while they are looking for a job. But there's little else they can do.

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Public Education on House Legislative Initiative 15-3

Question: Do you approve of House Legislative Initiative 15-3 to amend Article XV, Section 1(c) and (e) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to one member being a high school student – one member selected by the teachers within the Public School System – the selection process of a public school teacher representative shall be established by law – the elected board members shall be limited to two terms – and the public elementary and secondary education system shall be guaranteed an annual budget of not less than 15 percent of the general revenues of the Commonwealth through an annual appropriation? Yes or No?

General Summary: If approved this initiative will reformat the board of education. Currently, the board of education is composed of five elected members that may serve unlimited terms and three non-voting members appointed by the Governor. The three non-voting members are: (1) a public school student; (2) a representative of the nonpublic schools; (3) and a member to be selected by an exclusive bargaining representative of the teachers within the Department of Education Public School System. If this initiative is approved, then the five elected members will be limited to serving two terms. The non-voting public school student will be required to be a high school student. Lastly, Department of Education Public School System representative will be required to be a teacher. The selection process of the public school teacher will be established by law. As well, this initiative guarantees that the public elementary and secondary schools will receive an annual appropriation of 15 percent of the Commonwealth's general revenue.

Nation

Obama calls for $250 payments to seniors

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Edukasion Pupbliku ni House Legislative Initiative 15-3

Kuestion: Kåo un apreba i House Legislative Initiative 15-3 para u amenda i Attikulu XV, Seksiona 1(c) yan (e) gi Konstitusion gi Sangkattan na Islan Marianas siha na para un miembro ni estudiånten high school-unu na miembro u ma'ilihi ni representånten ma'estron eskuela gi halom i Sistmen Eskuelan Pupbliku-i macho'guen sileksion gi representånten ma'estro gi eskuelan pupbliku debi na u ma'estapblisa ginen i lai- i ma'ilihi na kuetpon miembro siha debi na u mamidi asta i dos na tema siha-yan i elementårio yan i Segundo na sisteman edukasion pupbliku debi na u magarentia gi salåppe gi sakkan ti u menus ki kinse put siento gi general revenues gi Commonwealth ginen i apropiasion kada såkkan?
Hunggan pat Åhe'?

Sumårian Heneråt: Yanggen ma'apreba este na initiative para u mata'lon mafotma i kuetpon edukasion. Gi presente, i kuetpon edukasion ha na'guah manma'ilihi na miembro siha ni siña masetbe i taimidida na tema siha yan tres na non-voting na miembro siha ni manma'apunta ginen i Gobietno. I tres na non-voting na miembro siha man: (1) i eskuelånten eskuelan pupbliku; (2) i representånte ginen i ti eskuelan pupbliku siha.; (3) yan i miembro ni para u ayek ginen i bargaining representative na ma'estro siha gi halom i Dipattamenton Edukasion Sisteman Eskuelan Pupbliku. Yanggen ma'apreba, pues singko ni manma'ilihi na miembro siha para u mamidi i teman setbision-ñiha asta i dos tema siha. I non-voting na estudiånten eskuelan pupbliku u madimånda para estudiånten high school. Pot uttimo, i Dipattamenton Edukasion Sisteman Eskuelan Pupbliku na representånte para dimånda na para ma'estro. I macho'gue na sileksion gi ma'estron eskuelan pupbliku para u ma'estapblesi ginen i lain. Tåt komu, este na initiative magarentia na i elemenårio yan i segundo na eskuela siha para u marisibi i apropositu kinse(15%) pot siento gi sakkan gi apas kontribusion heneråt i Commonwealth.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama called on Congress Wednesday to approve $250 payments to more than 50 million seniors to make up for no increase in Social Security next year. The Social Security Administration is scheduled to announce Thursday that there will be no cost of living increase next year. By law, increases are pegged to inflation, which has been negative this year.

It would mark the first year without an increase in Social Security payments since automatic adjustments were adopted in 1975.

"Even as we seek to bring about recovery, we must act on behalf of those hardest hit by this recession," Obama said in a statement. "This additional assistance will be especially important in the coming months, as countless seniors and others have seen their retirement accounts and home values decline as a result of this economic crisis."

Obama

Obama's proposal is similar to several bills in Congress. The $250 payments would also go to those receiving veterans benefits, disability benefits, railroad retirees and retired public employees who don't receive Social Security. Recipients would be limited to one payment, even if they qualified for more.

The White House put the cost at $13 billion. Obama said he would not allow the payments to come out of the Social Security trust funds, further eroding the finances of the retirement program. Social Security already is projected to pay out more in benefits than it collects in taxes in each of the next two years.

However, Obama did not offer any alternatives to finance the payments. A senior administration official said Obama was open to borrowing the money, increasing the federal budget deficit. The official, who requested anonymity, was not authorized to speak on the record.

Obama also announced Wednesday that the IRS would soon issue tax guidance preventing reductions in contribution limits for certain retirement funds, including 401(k) plans and Individual Retirement Accounts. There has been concern among some in the financial industry that federal law could require the limits to be reduced because inflation will be negative this year.

The $250 payments would match the ones issued to seniors earlier this year as part of the massive economic recovery package enacted in February.

AP sources: al-Qaida's Afghan head contacted Zazi

NEW YORK (AP)—The airport shuttle driver accused of plotting a bombing in New York had contacts with al-Qaida that went nearly all the way to the top, to an Osama bin Laden confidant believed to be the terrorist group's leader in Afghanistan, U.S. intelligence officials told The Associated Press.

Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, an Egyptian reputed to be one of the founders of the terrorist network, used a middleman to contact Afghan immigrant Najibullah Zazi as the 24-year-old man hatched a plot to use homemade backpack bombs, perhaps on the city's mass transit system, the two intelligence officials said.

Intelligence officials declined to discuss the nature of the contact or whether al-Yazid contacted Zazi to offer simple encouragement or help with the bombing plot prosecutors say Zazi was pursuing.

Al-Yazid's contact with Zazi indicates that al-Qaida leadership took an intense interest in what U.S. officials have called one of the most serious terrorism threats crafted on U.S. soil since the 9/11 attacks.

"Zazi working with the al-Qaida core is exceptionally alarming," said Daniel Bynam of the Brookings Institution's Saban Center. "The al-Qaida core is capable of far more effective terrorist attacks than jihadist terrorists acting on their own, and coordination with the core also enables bin Laden to choose the timing to maximize the benefit to his organization."

U.S. intelligence officials said earlier that Zazi had contact with an unnamed senior al-Qaida operative. That helped distinguish Zazi from other would-be terrorists who have acted on their own in planning or attempting U.S. attacks.

ACROSS THE NATION

Lottery hoax causes riot at Ohio coat store

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—A woman being driven around in a rented limousine pulled up at a coat store and announced she'd won the lottery and would pay for everyone's purchases, police said, but she ended up causing a riot when customers realized it was a hoax. Angry customers threw merchandise around and looted, leaving the store looking as though a hurricane had passed through it, police said. Linda Brown was arrested Tuesday after an hours-long shopping spree that began when she hired a stretch Hummer limousine to drop her off at a Burlington Coat Factory store, police Sgt. Lt. Michael Deakins said. Brown walked to a cash register and loudly announced she had won the lottery and would pay for each person's merchandise up to $500, he said.

Mudslide menace eases in Calif. as storm weakens

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. (AP)—A powerful fall storm packing strong winds and rain eased Wednesday without causing the widespread mudslides and debris flows that California residents had feared. The storm delivered its biggest punch to northern and central areas, knocking out power to 870,000 utility customers from Southern California to the San Joaquin Valley, the Eastern Sierra and Eureka on the north coast. A mandatory evacuation order remained in effect for residents of about 40 homes in central coast mountains near Watsonville, east of Monterey Bay, due to mudslides, said Chris Hirsch, a spokeswoman for Santa Cruz County emergency services.

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Ammatafal Toulap reel House Legislative Initative 15-3

Ayegh: U tipeli bwe House Legislative Initiative 15-13 ebwe siweli Article XV. Tálil (c) me (e) mereel Allégh Lapalap ye Téél falúw kka Efáng Marianas bwe ebwe escháy atel gakko ebwe membro mereel high school – escháy rebwe fili mereer mesteru kkaal mellól Public School System-aweewel ffilil mesteru ebwe mwir sángi allégh-bwotaal membrool board kkaal ebwe fischelitiw llól two terms schagh-me public elementary me secondary education system ebwe garantia ngáli annual budget nge essóbw ghitighit sángi seigh me limwoow percent mereel general revenues ye Commonwealth mellól annual appopriation ? Awar me ngáre saabw.

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Asia

NKorea warns SKorea of naval clash

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea warned South Korea of a possible naval clash Thursday, accusing Seoul of sending warships into its waters around their disputed western sea border.

The South's "reckless military provocations" have created "such a serious situation that a naval clash may break out between the two sides in these waters," the North's navy said in a statement carried by the country's official Korean Central News Agency.

North Korea has often issued similar warnings before, as it does not recognize the western sea border. The communist nation claims that the United Nations unilaterally drew the line at the end of the 1950-53 Korean War, and that it should be redrawn further south. The dispute led to two bloody naval skirmishes in 1999 and in 2002.

But the latest warning came as relations between the two Koreas showed signs of improvement with the North taking a series of conciliatory steps like freeing detained South Koreans and pledging to resume stalled joint projects.

On Wednesday, the North offered a rare apology to the South for releasing a massive amount of water from a dam that sparked flooding blamed for six South Korean deaths.

Ties between the two sides had badly frayed as North Korea cut off reconciliation talks and suspended joint projects in anger over the hard-line policy that the South's conservative President Lee Myung-bak has taken toward the North since taking office last year.

The two Koreas fought the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, which means that the sides are still technically at war.

Afghan presidential runoff would face challenges

KABUL (AP)—Afghan officials would face a daunting task in organizing a runoff presidential election before the arrival of winter—including hiring unbiased staff and securing polling stations in areas under threat of Taliban attack.

The problems are unlikely to end there. Even if the Afghans were to pull it off, there's no guarantee that another ballot—which seems increasingly probable—would produce a reliable partner for the U.S. and its allies in confronting the Taliban-led insurgency.

Election officials are expected to rule within days on fraud allegations over the Aug. 20 election. The vote was marred by charges of ballot-stuffing and voter coercion, mostly to the benefit of the incumbent, President Hamid Karzai.

Preliminary results show Karzai won with about 54 percent. But if the U.N.-backed Electoral Complaints Commission discards enough of the votes for Karzai, it could drop the president's total below 50 percent. That would force a runoff with the top challenger, Abdullah Abdullah.

The electoral tumult already has thrown the country into a political crisis and cast doubt on a key pillar of the NATO strategy in Afghanistan—partnering with a legitimate Afghan government capable of winning broad public support against the Taliban and its al-Qaida allies.

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ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippines asks rebels to help free Irish priest

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine government asked a large Muslim rebel group Wednesday to help secure the freedom of an ailing Irish priest kidnapped by outlaws, as troops surrounded a jungle logging area where he was being held. The 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front pledged to work for the release of 79-year-old Rev. Michael Sinnott, said rebel leader Mohagher Iqbal. It was a rare alliance between the rebels and the government, who clashed just months ago in violence that killed hundreds. Gunmen seized Sinnott from his house in southern Zamboanga del Sur province Sunday and took him to an old mountain logging camp in nearby Lanao province, military and rebel leaders said. In Ireland, Foreign Affairs spokesman and Labor Party President Michael D. Higgins issued an emotional appeal for Sinnott's release and asked the abductors to provide the priest, who recently underwent heart surgery, with medicine.

Police: Gunmen attack Lahore police academy

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistani police say have gunmen attacked a police academy on the outskirts of the eastern city of Lahore. The academy attack occurred Thursday as another team of gunmen were firing shots inside a federal law enforcement building in the city. Senior police official Chaudhry Shafiq says the latest attack is at the Manawan Police Academy. No casualty figures were immediately available. That academy was attacked by a group of gunmen earlier this year, leading to a eight-hour standoff that killed 12 people.

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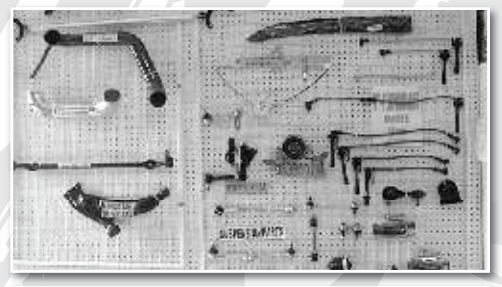

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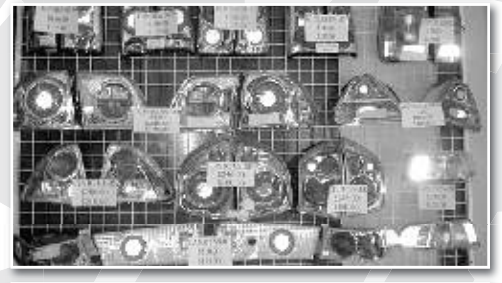

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

FELIPE Q. ATALIG, ESTATE OF PHYLLIS ATALIG LEUTA, RON B. ATALIG, and ERIC B. ATALIG,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 03-0639C

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Felipe Q. Atalig, in the following described, real property situated in Garapan, Saipan CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 007 D 25, land situated in South Garapan, Saipan, CM, known as Lot No. 007 D 25, and containing an area of 702 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 007 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 653, on the 27th day of November 1970, including **Casa de Felipe** and all other improvements located therein;

and

Lot No. 007 D 26, land situated in South Garapan, Saipan, CM, known as Lot No. 007 D 26 (formerly known as Lot 6, Block 34), and containing an area of 702 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 007 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 653, on the 27th day of November 1970, including **Casa de Felipe** and all other improvements located thereon.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 30, 2009**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before and specific property is struck off, without incurring and liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 2357147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auctions sale. All payments much be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change of changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 6th day of October 2009.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

FELIPE Q. ATALIG, individually & dba CASA DE FELIPE and, ELVIRA CUSTODIO ATALIG,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04-0242B

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the following described, real property situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-2**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, Containing an area of 900 square meters, more of less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21796-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-3**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more of less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21796-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-4**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more of less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21796-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 30, 2009**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before and specific property is struck off, without incurring and liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 2357147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auctions sale. All payments much be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change of changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 6th day of October 2009.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

ANTONIO S. CAMACHO, ELPHIDIA MSP.CAMACHO, CNMI DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION ,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04-0588C

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, having reschedule the earlier noticed auction, hereby give notice that all of the rights, title, and interest of the Defendants Antonio S. Camacho and Elphidia MSP.
Camacho, jointly and severally, in the following described, leases of real property situated at the commercial port of Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

25 Year Ground Lease (File No. 88-348)
- dated November 25, 1986
- between Antonio Salas Camacho and the Commonwealth Ports Authority
- of the certain tract parcel of and situated at the Commercial Ports, designated as **Lot No. 032 E 03**, containing an area of 5,043 square meters, (54,264.176 square feet), including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The rescheduled auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 30, 2009, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Right and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale of before A bid for such property is accepted
   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O.BOX 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax:234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the lease, title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the Defendants Antonio S. Camacho and Elphidia MSP. Camacho in the lease and property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the lease or real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 6th day of October 2009.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

World

85,000 Iraqis killed in almost 5 years of war

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraq's government said at least 85,000 people were killed from 2004 to 2008, officially answering one of the biggest questions of the conflict—how many perished in the sectarian violence that nearly led to a civil war.

What remains unanswered is how many died in the 2003 U.S. invasion and in the months of chaos that followed it.

A report by the Human Rights Ministry said 85,694 people were killed from the beginning of 2004 to Oct. 31, 2008 and 147,195 were wounded. The figures included Iraqi civilians, military and police but did not cover U.S. military deaths, insurgents, or foreigners, including contractors. And it did not include the first months of the war after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

The Associated Press reported similar figures in April based on government statistics obtained by the AP showing that the government had recorded 87,215 Iraqi deaths from 2005 to February 2009. The toll included violence ranging from catastrophic bombings to execution-style slayings.

Until the AP report, the government's toll of Iraqi deaths had been one of the war's most closely guarded secrets. Both supporters and opponents of the conflict have accused the other of manipulating the toll to sway public opinion.

The 85,694 represents about 0.3 percent of Iraq's estimated 29 million population.

UN: Record 1 billion go hungry

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Parents in some of Africa's poorest countries are cutting back on school, clothes and basic medical care just to give their children a meal once a day, experts say. Still, it is not enough.

A record 1 billion people worldwide are hungry and a new report says the number will increase if governments do not spend more on agriculture. According to the U.N. food agency, which issued the report, 30 countries now require emergency aid, including 20 in Africa.

The trend continues despite a goal set by world leaders nine years ago to cut the number of hungry people in half by 2015.

"It's actually a world emergency that calls for action from both developing and developed countries," said Otive Igbuzor, the head of international campaigns for ActionAid International.

Palestinians urge Israeli punishment over Gaza

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The Palestinians called Wednesday for global action to punish Israel for alleged war crimes during its military assault on Gaza last winter, warning that the credibility of the United Nations and international human rights law was at stake.

The demand was based on the findings of a commission headed by former South African judge Richard Goldstone that accused both Israeli forces and Palestinian militants of war crimes and possible crimes against humanity during their Dec. 27-Jan. 18 war.

AP

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Secretary-General Jacques Diouf, gestures during an interview with APTV in FAO's headquarters in Rome, Monday Oct. 12, 2009.

WORLD BRIEFS

Honduran talks advance, but rivals urge caution

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)—The rivals for Honduras' presidency toned down hopes for an end to the nation's political standoff despite an apparent breakthrough by negotiators who said they had reached consensus on ousted President Manuel Zelaya's return to office. Zelaya, who has been holed up in the Brazilian Embassy since sneaking back into Honduras from his forced exile last month, said Wednesday that the final text of a deal is still being worked out. He told a radio station later that he had little confidence in the commitment of interim President Roberto Micheletti to reaching an agreement. "I don't believe in what the coup leaders say. I think that when it comes to the key point of rejecting the coup—which means my reinstatement to office—Micheletti will give another slap to the world because he will oppose it," Zelaya told Radio Globo, a station that was closed by the interim government two weeks ago but has been broadcasting on the Internet.

Group: Civilians under attack in northern Congo

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Ugandan-led rebels are expanding their territory in northern Congo, committing child abductions, rapes, and—in one instance, forcing a man to club his own brother to death, an international aid group said Wednesday. Medecins Sans Frontieres said the violence by members of a shadowy Ugandan rebel group called the Lord's Resistance Army started in a remote region of northern Congo last year and has recently spread to nearby areas. Few other humanitarian agencies are working in the area, which has few roads. The aid group, also known as Doctors Without Borders, presented a video of victims' testimony at a news conference in South Africa. One man said he had been abducted with his brother, who tried to escape. He was forced to recapture his brother and club him to death.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will hold a public hearing Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 12:00pm noon at Sugar Dock, regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SSm-2009-X-070 submitted by Department of Public Works to construct four (4) concrete pavilions in Chalan Kanoa Beach Park / Sugar Dock, Saipan.

The public is encouraged to attend the hearing and make comments regarding the proposed project. The project file is open for review 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday – Friday, at the CRM Office. Written comments may be submitted directly to the CRM Office located on the 2nd floor of the Morgen Building in Oleai, mailed to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, or faxed to 664-8315. All written and oral comments received prior to and at the hearing will be added to the permit application record, and will be considered in any final decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management Office at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this public hearing.

JOHN B. JOYNER, Ph.D.
Director
Coastal Resources Management Office

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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PUBLIC NOTICE

OVERSTAYERS REPORT

Friday, October 16, 2009, first publication
Friday, October 23, 2009, second publication

Notice is hereby given that, according to the records maintained by the Commonwealth as of October 9, 2009, the following persons have overstayed the permission granted upon their entry to the Commonwealth for employment purposes. Persons in an overstayer status are required to depart the Commonwealth immediately. Persons who depart the Commonwealth voluntarily are eligible to return; those who are deported are not elegible to return.

Permissions granted upon entry may have been extended or the entry status may be changed under a number of different provisions of the Commonwealth law, but all extensions and changes must be documented and the applicable fees paid. If the necessary applications and supporting document have not been correctly completed, filed, or recorded, a name may appear in overstayer status although an extension may have been granted upon completion or recording of the necesscary documentation.

If your name is on the list set out below and you have or should have a current status allowing you to be in the Commonwealth, please report to Evelyn Sablan, Executive Secretary to the Director of Labor, second floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, Saipan, no later than October 30, 2009, to correct the records.

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ABERGAS, RENATO ABILLON	125324
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Off the Wall

Oregon man get probation for stabbing ex's fish

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—A Portland man who attacked his ex-girlfriend and impaled her pet fish this summer has been sentenced to two years probation, a psychological evaluation and community service. Donald Earl Fite III, 27, pleaded guilty Tuesday to animal abuse and domestic violence assault.

According to court records, Sarah Harris had broken up with Fite but returned to her Portland apartment July 25 to find him lying on her bed, saying he wanted to get back together.

When Harris tried to leave, Fite shoved her against a wall, grabbed her hair and tossed her against a bathtub.

Harris fled but returned with an officer to find her fish—a bright purple betta named "DeLorean"—on the wood floor with a knife through it.

According to court records, Fite quickly admitted killing the fish, telling police: "If she can't have me, then she can't have the fish."

Fite's attorney, Tom Macnair, said Tuesday that killing the fish was a "very low point" in his client's life.

"He is absolutely mortified and ashamed about what he did to the fish," MacNair said in Multnomah County Circuit Court. Fite, who had no previous criminal history, declined to make a statement.

Harris did not attend the hearing. In a phone interview with The Oregonian newspaper, she recalled crying hysterically when she saw the fish with a knife sticking through it.

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Donald Earl Fite III is shown in this booking photo provided by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, in Portland, Ore.

"Donald bought the fish for me, and I'm sure he knew how much I cared for it," she said.

Betta fish, also known as Siamese fighting fish, are colorful freshwater aquarium fish that usually are between 2 and 3 inches long.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Alabama party mistakenly taps dead man for panel

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—Reynolds Smith Jr. was a stalwart Democratic voter in Alabama. But the Alabama Democratic Party overlooked another fact when it appointed Smith to an interim party panel: He died in November at age 83. Party executive director Jim Spearman told the Press-Register on Tuesday that the mistake was caused by outdated records. He said the party received Smith's name from a 2006 list of candidates for the Mobile County committee and then used a voter list to verify him as an active voter. The panel was charged with replacing the local party's executive committee.

Ark. officer forced to use stun gun on brother

CONWAY, Ark. (AP)—Authorities said a Vilonia police officer involved in a fracas at a private club in Conway has been taken into custody only after he was Tasered by his own brother, who is a Conway officer. Vilonia officer Jeremy Smith, 32, faces charges of disorderly conduct and public intoxication. Conway police reports say that when Conway officer Lloyd Smith arrived on the scene after midnight Wednesday morning, he found his brother Jeremy resisting arrest by another officer. Lloyd Smith wrote in his report that when his brother continued to "raise his fists as if he was ready to fight, I pointed my Taser at Jeremy and pled with him, 'please don't make me Tase you.'"

Science & Technology

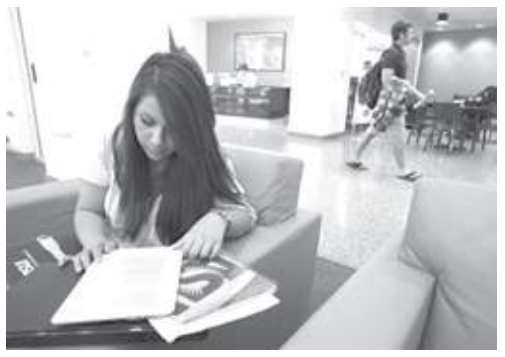
Kindle lightens textbook load, but flaws remain

SEATTLE (AP)—It's an experiment that has made back-to-school a little easier on the back: Amazon.com gave more than 200 college students its Kindle e-reading device this fall, loaded with digital versions of their textbooks. But some students are finding they miss the decidedly low-tech conveniences of paper—highlighting, flagging pages with sticky notes and scribbling in the margins.

"I like the aspect of writing something down on paper and having it be so easy and just kind of writing whatever comes to my mind," says Claire Becerra, a freshman at Arizona State University.

Becerra tried typing notes on the Kindle's small keyboard, but when she went back to reread them she found they were laden with typos and didn't make sense. After a month, she says she takes far fewer notes and relies on the Kindle's highlighter tool instead.

Amazon wants to adapt the Kindle to academia, where it could reduce the notoriously high cost of textbooks. The Kindle DX, with a larger screen than the regular model, costs $489, but digital books can cost less than half what physical ones do.



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In this photo made Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009, Claire Becerra, a freshman political science major at Arizona State University, uses her Kindle DX in Tempe, Ariz.

While it might be the future of textbooks, Amazon or any other e-reader company has a long way to go to make it happen—even for a technology-saturated generation that should be more receptive to the shift.

When The Associated Press hit five of the test campuses to ask students how they felt about the Kindle, the responses were lukewarm.

TECHNOLOGY BRIEFS

Intel stokes hopes for PC recovery; shares jump

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Intel Corp. has been asserting for months that the personal computer business is rebounding from its deepest slump in nearly a decade. Its stock surged Wednesday on signs that things are picking up faster than expected, despite a few lingering trouble spots. Intel reported after the market closed Tuesday that its profit and sales both dipped 8 percent from July through September as spending by corporations remained weak, a trend that has dragged on throughout the recession and probably won't ease until next year. The price for Intel's chips also fell. One reason is that "netbooks," little laptops that cost a few hundred dollars and have limited functions beyond surfing the Internet, have caught on but aren't big moneymakers. Another is that PC makers have slashed their prices on full-sized computers, and aren't willing to pay as much for the chips that go into them.

PepsiCo iPhone app draws fire for stereotyping

MILWAUKEE (AP)—PepsiCo Inc. is facing criticism for an iPhone application that promises to help men "score" with two dozen stereotypes of women by giving users pickup lines and a scoreboard to keep track of their conquests. An apology by the company—which is using the app "Amp up before you score" to market its Amp energy drink—is igniting more online criticism. But the company is sticking by the app. Spokeswoman Nicole Bradley said the application is available only to people 17 and older who "choose to opt in to the experience." "The application was designed to entertain and appeal to Amp's target. We'll continue to monitor the feedback from all parties and act accordingly," she said.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR
SITE EVALUATION SERVICES

SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) TRAINING FACILITY
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-011-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms for Site Evaluation Services.

The general scope of work is for site evaluation services of the existing facility for the development of design parameters and a scope of work to be used for Architectural/Engineering Design work to follow for the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training Facility at the Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

*Note: The selected consultant will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the Architectural/Engineering Design services for the ARFF Training Facility improvements being advertised concurrently.*

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

1. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA);
2. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants;
3. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence; and
4. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Monday, October 19, 2009.**

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only firms who have established an office in the Commonwealth and a valid business license will be considered.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms for Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Design Services.

The general scope of work is for A/E design services for the renovation and expansion of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training Facility at the Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

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At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

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3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2009.**

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1st AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Procurement and Installation of Standby Generator and Building
Port of Saipan
Project No. CPA-SS-002-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), through a grant from the Office of Homeland Security, is requesting for proposals for design/build services for procurement and installation of one (1) brand new generator with controls, housing and fuel tank to be situated at the Port of Saipan.
A detailed scope of work will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on Friday, September 11, 2009. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on ~~**Friday, September 25, 2009 at 3:00 pm**~~ at the Conference Room at the CPA Seaport Administrative Building. The project scope of work and location of the generator will be discussed. Attendance at this conference is mandatory for all companies interested in submitting proposals.

The contract period for design, installation and testing will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of $500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

All proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2009.**

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com no later than Oct. 19, 2009.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ EDWARD B. MENDIOLA
Acting Executive Director
Date: October 14, 2009

Life & Style

Leonardo fingerprint reveals $150 million artwork

TORONTO (AP)—Mona Lisa has something new to smile about.

A portrait of a young woman thought to be created by a 19th century German artist and sold two years ago for about $19,000 is now being attributed by art experts to Leonardo da Vinci and valued at more than $150 million.

The unsigned chalk, ink and pencil drawing, known as "La Bella Principessa," was matched to Leonardo via a technique more suited to a crime lab than an art studio—a fingerprint and palm print found on the 13 1/2-inch-by-10-inch work.

Peter Paul Biro, a Montreal-based forensic art expert, said the print of an index or middle finger matched a fingerprint found on Leonardo's "St. Jerome" in the Vatican.

Technical, stylistic and material composition evidence—including carbon dating—had art experts believing as early as last year that they had found another work by the creator of the "Mona Lisa."

The discovery of the fingerprint has them convinced the work was by Leonardo, whose myth and mystery already put him at the center of such best-sellers as "The Da Vinci Code" and "The Lost Symbol."

Biro examined multispectral images of the drawing taken by the Lumiere Technology laboratory in Paris, which used a special digital scanner to show successive layers of the work.

"Leonardo used his hands liberally and frequently as part of his painting technique. His fingerprints are found on many of his works," Biro said. "I was able to make use of multispectral images to make a little smudge a very readable fingerprint."

Alessandro Vezzosi, director of a museum dedicated to Leonardo in the artist's hometown of Vinci, Italy, said Wednesday he was "very happy" to hear about the fingerprint analysis, saying it confirmed his own conclusion that the portrait can be attributed to Leonardo with "reasonable certainty."

"For me, it's extraordinary there is confirmation" through the fingerprint, although "it's not like I had any doubt," he said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Even before the fingerprint discovery, Vezzosi said several experts agreed with his conclusion, which was based on "historical, artistic, stylistic (and) aesthetic" considerations.

Based on its style, the portrait has been dated to 1485-1490, placing it at a time when Leonardo (1452-1519) was living in Milan.

Canadian-born art collector Peter Silverman bought "La Bella Principessa"—or "The Beautiful Princess"—at the gallery in New York on behalf of an anonymous Swiss collector in 2007 for about $19,000. New York art dealer Kate Ganz had owned it for about nine years after buying it at auction for a similar price.

One London art dealer now says it could be worth more than $150 million.

If experts are correct, it will be the first major work by Leonardo to be identified in 100 years.

Ganz still doesn't believe it is a Leonardo.

"Nothing that I have seen or read in the past two years has changed my mind. I do not believe that this drawing is by Leonardo da Vinci," Ganz told the AP on Wednesday. She declined to comment further.

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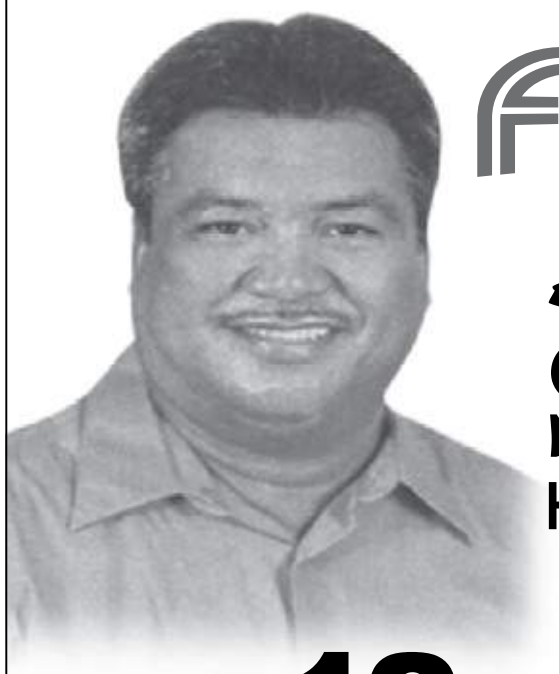
This undated photo provided Wednesday Oct.14, 2009 by Lumiere Technology in Paris shows the site of the fingerprint on a painting that art experts believe they have identified as a new Leonardo da Vinci.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
October 9, 2009

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to that certain **Writ of Execution on Personal Property** by the **CNMI Superior Court in Civil Action No. 04-0588C**, the Commonwealth Development Authority ("CDA"), **together with assistance of the CNMI Department of Public Safety**, shall auction off to the highest bidder **assets of Wespac Freight including office furniture, equipments and various other items.**

An inventory listing may be obtained at CDA Office, Gualo Rai or on our website at www.cda.gov.mp, photos are available online.

The auction shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
1. The items are being sold **"AS IS"** and **"WHERE IS"**;
2. The items are being sold **WITHOUT WARRANTY** of any type;
3. The public auction will be held at the **Wespac Freight Parking Lot, Lower Base, Saipan on Friday, October 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.**;
4. Terms of the sale are cash, certified check, or credit card (Visa & Mastercard); and
5. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale from time to time.

Full payment of the bid amount is required before the property can be removed from site. Payment must be received before end of business day, 4:30 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009. Failure to make full payment will cause award to be null and void.

CDA is attempting to collect a debt and any payments received will be used for that purpose. Any interested party or person may contact Mr. Oscar C. Camacho, Loan Manager, CDA at 234-7145 for further information or to inspect the items. Failure to inspect the property will not constitute grounds for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer. All sales are final.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2009

Commonwealth Development Authority
/s/ Manuel A. Sablan
Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
PO BOX 501370
SAIPAN, MP 96950

Head Start Policy Council Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a meeting on October 20, 2009 (Tuesday) from 1:30pm – 2:30pm at Napu Room Conference, Pacific Islands Club.

I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of Minutes
   a. September 16, 2009

II. Public Comments
III. Appreciation to Outgoing Council Members
IV. Welcome and Introduction of Incoming Council Members
V. Election of Officers
1. Chairperson
2. Vice Chair
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

VI. Confirmation of Elected Community Representatives
VII. Appointment of Standing Committees
1. Education Curriculum
2. Finance
3. Personnel
4. Public Relations
5. Executive

VIII. Schedule of Meetings
IX. Executive Session
X. Next Meeting
XI. Adjournment

Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. Pursuant to our Policy 8000, Public Comments are limited to 15 minutes; therefore comments are limited to 3 minutes each.

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcomed to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Candace Quitugua at 664-3751.

Mr. Vinnie Sablan
Chairperson

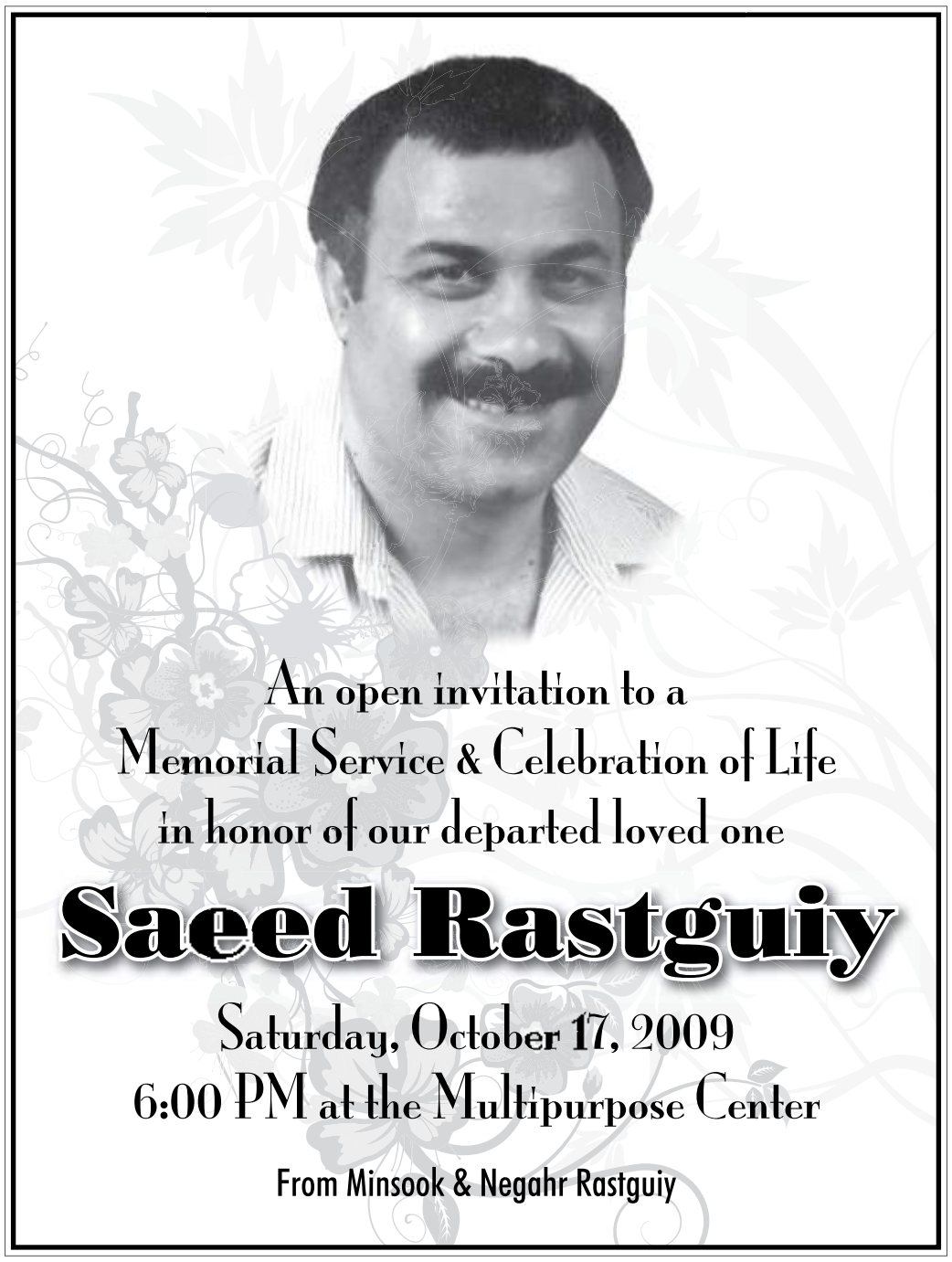
EFC Engineers & Architects Corporation

EFC Engineers and Architects Corporation is pleased to announce the return of Efrain F. Camacho, P.E. to EFC Engineers and Architects. Having served The Commonwealth Ports Authority as the Executive Director and Staff Engineer, Efrain F. Camacho will resume providing quality engineering and architectural services.

EFC Engineers and Architects specializes in the following areas:

- **engineering feasibility studies**
- **planning**
- **project management**
- **construction inspection for quality and compliance assurance**
- **construction management**
- **engineering consultant to government agencies and private companies**
- **management of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and ARRA Funds**

EFC Engineers and Architects is entering its 21st year of operation in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Our office location is at the Marina Heights Business Park. Bank of Hawaii Building, Suite 206. Contact information is (670) 322-7814 or efrain@efcsaipan.com.



An open invitation to a
Memorial Service & Celebration of Life
in honor of our departed loved one

Saeed Rastguiy

Saturday, October 17, 2009
6:00 PM at the Multipurpose Center

From Minsook & Negahr Rastguiy

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

In Loving Memory of

Ruben Torres Silvestre Sr.

"Buyong"

May 4, 1944 – October 13, 2009

He will be greatly missed by his:

Mother: Gaudencia T. Silvestre
Wife: Thelma J. Silvestre
Children: Ruth Ann S. & Edward Cayanan
Ruben J. Silvestre Jr.
Glecyl M. Herrera & Family
Connie S. Bacud & Family
Ruby Silvestre
Runard Silvestre & Family

and his Brother and Sisters (Philippines)

In his new life he will be reunited with his:

Father: Liberato Silvestre
Brother: Romeo Silvestre
Father In-law: Bautista B. Jamer
Mother In-law: Emilia C. Jamer

He will also be missed by numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends.

Nightly rosary is being said at the Silvestre residence in String Beans Ave., Chalan Laulau from October 16–21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral arrangement will be announced at a later date.

Please join us in prayers.
The Family

In Loving Memory

†HELEN ATALIG MANGLONA BARCINAS

(Better Known As Lengka')
Of Rota was called to rest in Guam by heavenly Father at the age of 56.
June 12, 1953 – October 10, 2009

Pre-Deceased:
Father: †Pedro Atalig Manglona Sr. I
Mother: †Rosa Atalig Manglona
Brother: †Frederick Atalig Manglona
Sister: †Angelina Atalig Manglona
Brother-In-Law: †Jesus Arriola Muna
Father-In-Law: †Francisco Blanco Barcinas
Mother-In-Law: †Florida Manglona Barcinas

Paternal Grand Parents:
†Jose Gogue Manglona
†Purificasion Mendiola Manglona

Maternal Grand Parents:
†Jesus Mendiola Atalig
†Ursula Hocog Atalig

Lovingly survived by her husband:
Ricardo (Bengo') Manglona Barcinas

Children/Spouses:
Ricardo M. Barcinas Jr. & Sarah Meno
Geen M. & Jul-Eve C. Barcinas
Lenny M. Barcinas
Danneil M. Barcinas & Rozanna O'Mallen

Reared Daughter: Jolaine Marie C. Manglona

Brothers/Sisters & Spouses:
Maria O. & Mametto M. Ayuyu and Children
Henry A. & Teresita M. Manglona and Children
Lorenza M. Muna & Children
David A. & Norma A. Manglona and Children
Joseph A. & Joaquina C. Manglona and Children
Pedro A. Jr. & Vivian M. Manglona and Children
Angelina M. & Jesus Dlc. Cabrera and Children

Brothers-In-Law & Spouses:
Manases M. & Frances S. Barcinas and Children
Jose M. & Kathleen Barcinas and Children
Francisco M. & Emilia S. Barcinas and Children
Daniel M. & Eko Barcinas and Children

As well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended families and friends.

Nightly Rosary is being offered at San Isidro Church at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Mass at 7:00 p.m.

On October 17, 2009 (Saturday) the body of the late "Helen Manglona Barcinas" will be flown from Guam by Freedom Airline to Rota at 8:45 a.m. & will arrive in Rota at 9:15 a.m. and will be escorted to RHC Divine Mercy (Morgue).

On October 19, 2009 (Monday) her remains will be escorted from RHC to San Francisco De Borja Church at 7:00 a.m. Viewing and last respect begins at 8:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by the interment services at San Jose Cemetery, Rota.

Please join us in Prayers.
Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

Ricardo Manglona Barcinas and Children

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Congressman Herman Tudela Palacios

of San Antonio, Saipan was called to rest in Honolulu, Hawaii by our Heavenly father at the age of 66.
November 01, 1942 — October 01, 2009

Pre-Deceased:

Grand Daughter:	†Judy Ann Aldan Palacios
Father:	†Joaquin Muna Palacios
Mother:	†Francisca Camacho Tudela Palacios
Father-in-law:	†Clifford William Cave
Reared-father:	†Eugene San Nicolas
Brother:	†Augustin Tudela Palacios
Sister:	†Rosario Tudela Palacios
Brother:	†Manuel Tudela Palacios
Sister-in-law:	†Betty Ann S.N. Cave
Sister-in-law:	†Arlene Castillo
Sister-in-law:	†Maria A. Muna
Brother-in-law:	†Esteban I. Pangelinan
Brother-in-law:	†Blane Martinez
Niece:	†Denise Palacios Tenorio

Lovingly Survived by his Wife: Joycelyn San Nicolas Cave Palacios

Children & Spouse:

Katrina Marie & Hillary C. Tagabuel
- Hilarie Lashae, Larry Marc (Destiny Denise & Danielle Coleen), Shelmalyne (Kristan Jacob & Kurtis Lance), and Leina Marie

Troy Murphy & Antonette Aldan
- Tim K. Palacios (ex-wife) - Adrienne Jade, Krystine Jayleen
- Etholyn Coz - Justin Troy
- Antonette Aldan (Fiance)- Christy Joy, Alicia Janine

Judd Donahue (Jay) & Nancy Takahashi Palacios
- Noah Triston

Betty Ann & John (J.J.) Cabrera
- Alexis Shawnee, Aysha Shania

Douglas McGarrett & Teresa Ulloa Palacios
- Chelsea, Sina Ha'ani, Tiara, Ezekiel

Mother-in-law: Rosario Delgado San Nicolas Cave
Reared-Mother: Anna San Augustine San Nicolas

Siblings:
Esperanza Ulloa Palacios & Family
Daniel T. Palacios & Family
Susan P. /John Ira Schwarz & Family
Connie P. Pangelinan (Kidney Donor) & Family

As well as numerous nieces, nephews, godchildren extended families and friends.

Brother- in-Laws & Spouse:
Danny/Chris Cave & Family
David Cave & Kids
Timothy/Lina Cave & Family
Lawrence (Larry) & Valarie Cave
Leonard Cave & Kids

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."
—Proverbs 23:2-3

Sister-in-laws & Spouse:
June/Rip Respicio & Family
Jennylou C. & Family
Judy C. & Clifford Castillo, Family
Sandra C. & Paul Dosey, Family

Special Thanks to Clifford P. Masga, Alfonso Merano, Roger Rosario, Helen Capati, Romer Gomez, Dionicio Malicdem

Nightly Mass is being offered at San Antonio Church at 6:00pm. His remains will arrive on October 15, 2009 at 2:30pm and will be escorted from the airport to Cabrera's Funeral Home, followed by a one hour viewing. On October 17, 2009 at 7:30am his remains will be escorted from Cabrera's Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral. The mass will be offered at 11:00am followed by a Christian Burial at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated.

God Bless.

Joyce C. Palacios, children and families

Bodyguard: Anna Nicole injected with drugs

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An anguished bodyguard, saying he had to tell what he knew about Anna Nicole Smith's death "or I'm going to die," testified Wednesday that he saw her boyfriend-lawyer Howard K. Stern inject her with a sedative at a time before her death when she was begging for something to help her sleep.

Maurice Brighthaupt said he had seen Stern inject Smith with medications four or five times in Florida and the Bahamas, and also watched the celebrity model's psychiatrist, Dr. Khristine Eroshevich, inject her once but did not specify the drug. He said he also saw Smith inject herself twice.

Brighthaupt's testimony came during a preliminary hearing to determine if Stern, Eroshevich and Dr. Sandeep Kapoor will stand trial for conspiring to illegally provide Smith with controlled substances,

All three have pleaded not guilty. The defendants are not charged with Smith's death at a Florida hotel in 2007, which was ruled an accidental overdose.

Outside court, Stern's lawyer Steve Sadow said he would prove in cross-examination Thursday the guard had reason to testify falsely.

He said Brighthaupt was part of a bitter struggle over Smith's estate but didn't elaborate on ways he might cast Brighthaupt's testimony into doubt.

"I can say that prescription medications were never injected by Howard K. Stern into Anna Nicole Smith," Sadow said. He said Smith was known to get B-12 injections.

The death of pop superstar Michael Jackson also was linked to treatment for sleeping problems. The singer died after his personal physician administered the anesthetic propofol and two other sedatives to get the chronic insomniac to sleep, court documents state.

The hearing in the Anna Nicole Smith case ended Wednesday without testimony from Larry Birkhead, who proved through DNA testing he was the

Smith

father of Smith's daughter. The proceedings were set to resume Thursday.

Brighthaupt said Eroshevich brought Smith a bottle of chloral hydrate when she flew to the Bahamas from Los Angeles after Smith's son died in 2006. The sleep syrup was cited in Smith's autopsy as a principle cause of her overdose death in combination with other drugs.

The witness said he saw Eroshevich deliver a small bottle of the liquid medication which Smith took by spoon at first but then it was "straight bottle to the mouth, a gulp."

He said Eroshevich told him: "Anna had a hard time sleeping. She was reluctant to do it, but Anna had to sleep to feel better ... Anna was begging for it to help her sleep."

Brighthaupt also testified he had seen Smith change from someone who was "loving life, very playful, loving and caring" to a mother in mourning who could not accept the death of her 20-year-old son Daniel.

The hulking bodyguard said he felt badly about testifying against Eroshevich, who is his friend.

"I consider her a very kind person who wouldn't do anything bad to anybody," he said as Eroshevich sat facing him at the counsel table.

But he added, "This whole situation—I just have to say something and get it out of me or I'm going to die."

He said he and Stern do not have a warm relationship.

"We've had our differences. Sometimes you think you know somebody and you don't," he said. "We have disagreements ... I don't wish him no harm."

Brighthaupt, who tried to revive Smith on the day she died, was widely interviewed after Smith was rushed from the hotel to a hospital and pronounced dead on Feb. 8, 2007.

Under questioning by Deputy District Attorney Renee Rose, the bodyguard told of a scene in Smith's suite where he entered the bathroom and saw Stern heating a spoon over a lighter, liquifying valium pills and preparing to inject the substance into Smith.

"She couldn't swallow. They felt it would get into her system faster," he said. "He drew it up into the syringe and he asked me to leave. He didn't want me to see her without her clothes on."

The bodyguard was not specific about the timing of the shot and only said it was administered sometime during the stay in Florida.

Brighthaupt said he saw Stern inject Smith about four times while they were living in the Bahamas.

"I saw Khris do it only once," he said, describing how Smith held a towel around her, exposing her buttock for the shot. He did not specify when the shot was given.

Brighthaupt, a firefighter and paramedic in Miami, said he met Smith in 2003 and quickly became her "right hand person as far as security." He said they had a brother and sister-like relationship, and she called him "My Mo-Mo."

He traveled with her and said he remembered her taking pills. Before appearing on the American Music Awards in 2004, she took the drug Ecstacy and drank her favorite champagne before going on stage, he said.

On Tuesday, Stern's attorney Sadow said Smith had taken an anti-seizure medication before the show, explaining her slurred words.

After Daniel's death in 2006, Brighthaupt said he rushed to the Bahamas and found Smith in distress. She had just given birth to her daughter, Dannielynn.

30 Day NOTICE

The Workforce Investment Agency under the Office of the Governor and in accordance with the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 at § 134 (d) (4) (G) (ii), and the regulations at § 663.430, provide that, under limited circumstances, contracts for training rather than ITA's (Individual Training Accounts) may be used. Contracts may be used when there is insufficient number of eligible providers in a local area. This exception applies primarily to rural areas. The Act reforms the local service delivery system by eliminating the current practice of assigning participants to contracted training services and instead establishing a system that maximizes customer choice in the selection of training providers.

With limited training providers in the CNMI, the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency is in the process of developing for incumbent workers Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) training in the form of a contract for training instead of ITA's.

The Workforce Investment Agency under the Office of the Governor hereby publishes this NOTICE for 30 day public comment period for interested providers. Comments must be submitted in writing and addressed to Ms. Edith DeLeon Guerrero, WIA Executive Director at Gov't. Bldg. No. 1215, Capitol Hill, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or email at gov.wia@pticom.com.

Tycoon tales and Darwin get award nominations

NEW YORK (AP)—The subjects of this year's National Book Award nominees were better known than the authors.

Biographies about tycoons Henry Ford and Cornelius Vanderbilt were among the finalists announced Wednesday, along with two books relating to Charles Darwin. But judges also omitted such widely publicized releases as Lorrie Moore's "At the Gate of the Stairs," Richard Powers' "Generosity" and Blake Bailey's biography of John Cheever.

Five books from university presses were among the 20 chosen in four competitive categories. Fiction judges picked Bonnie Jo Campbell's story collection, "American Salvage," a paperback original released by Wayne State University Press, the publisher's first National Book Award nomination in its more than 60 year history.

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In this 1992 file photo, author Gore Vidal is shown. Vidal will receive a lifetime achievement award at the 2009 National Book Awards on Nov. 18, 2009.

"We're very pleasantly surprised. We nominate some of our best books each year and we've finally made it," said Wayne State Press director Jane Hoehner. "I don't think awards should just go to the big guns. There needs to be a combination, a willingness to look around and find talent."

Winners, each of whom receive $10,000, will be announced at a Nov. 18 ceremony in New York. Humorist Andy Borowitz will host and honorary medals will be presented to Gore Vidal and Dave Eggers.

None of the many recent books about Abraham Lincoln, whose bicentennial was celebrated this year, were included. Darwin, born the same day as Lincoln, was featured in two nominated works: Sean B. Carroll's "Remarkable Creatures: Epic Adventures in the Search for the Origin of Species," a nonfiction finalist; and young people's literature nominee "Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith," by Deborah Seligman.

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Attorney for Bank of Guam

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs.	)	**Civil Action No. 09-0256**
MARVIN A. ADA, Defendant.	)	**AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: THE ABOVE–NAMED DEFENDANT MARVIN A. ADA

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitled action the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOUR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O> Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Bank of Guam, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Bank of Guam, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan MP 96950**; and in case of failure to do so judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the COMPLAINT, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 30 day of Sept, 2009

/s/ Berndita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

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Attorney for Bank of Guam

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs.	)	**Civil Action No. 09-0264**
MELINDA T. TAKAI, Defendant.	)	**AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: THE ABOVE–NAMED DEFENDANT MARVIN A. ADA

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So **ORDERED** this 5th day of August, 2009

/s/ Berndita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

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NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

William S. Pangelinan and Diana C. Pangelinan (collectively "Trustor"), on or about February 25, 1985, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on February 27, 1985 under Document No. 85-0479 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 005 I 124, containing an area of 1,092 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 02, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 16707 on March 11, 1983, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on June 12, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on October 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$36,730.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 29, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2009.

/S/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

NMHC is an equal employment and fair housing public agency

Fox Reality Channel to make way for new venture

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Reality TV junkies are facing a cold truth: The Fox Reality Channel is wrapping up its four-year mix of new and repeat programming next spring.

The channel will end operations on March 31, Fox Networks Group said, although its library of programs may continue airing for an unspecified period.

Fox Reality Channel was profitable but the company said it has made a "strategic decision" to shift resources to new channels. No details were released.

Original Fox Reality Channel programs include "American Idol Extra," with "Temptation Island" and "Last Comic Standing" among the reruns.

Slater hoping his ABC drama the forgotten' isn't

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—Christian Slater remains calm during his staring contest with a menacing dog.

While filming a scene for his new ABC crime drama, "the forgotten," the 40-year-old actor locks his eyes on a barky Rottweiler while his character, former detective Alex Donovan, questions the dog's owner.

Later, during a break in filming, Slater says the acting pooch was a total pro.

"It's actually really nice when the dog shows up and he's ready and prepared, and he definitely hit his cues and knew his lines," Slater jokes. "He was perfect. He gave me a lot to work with. It's like a tennis match, being an actor, and you're only as good as the people you're playing opposite against, and today I have to really take my hat off to this dog."

In this publicity image released by ABC, Christian Slater is shown in a scene from the series, "the forgotten," airing Tuesday at 10:00 p.m. EDT on ABC. AP

Slater was drawn to "the forgotten" because of executive producer Jerry Bruckheimer, producer of "Without a Trace," "Cold Case" and the "CSI" franchise. However, it was the show's team of Average Joes and Janes who solve crimes involving John and Jane Does that piqued Slater's interest.

"This was kind of an interesting angle by making these people not necessarily experts," Slater says. "I mean, they really are people like you and me. They're not a `CSI' team, for example. They really are just human beings. These are real people willing to do something in a volunteer type of fashion that, I think, at the end of the day, is very, very noble."

Since "the forgotten" debuted last month, CBS' political drama "The Good Wife" has been taking a big bite out of the Tuesday-night audience. It's a foe Slater knows all too well. His first TV series, last season's NBC spy thriller "My Own Worst Enemy," struggled to find an audience early on.

Much like his on-camera canine encounter, Slater remains cool.

"You don't know," he says. "Every time, it's a gamble. You roll the dice. You take your chances. You work with the best possible people. You try and stack the deck, I guess, in the best way you possibly can for as many people as possible to see it. At the end of the day, you've got to remember, there's so many elements that are out of your control."

Pro wrestler, music video icon Albano dies at 76

NEW YORK (AP)— "Captain" Lou Albano, who became one of the most recognized professional wrestlers of the 1980s after appearing in Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" music video, died Wednesday. He was 76.

Albano, whose real name was Louis Vincent Albano, died in Westchester County in suburban New York, said Dawn Marie, founder of Wrestlers Rescue, an organization that helps raise money for the health care of retired wrestlers. He died of natural causes, Marie said.

World Wrestling Entertainment called him one of the company's "most popular and charismatic legends."

With his trademark Hawaiian shirts, wiry goatee and rubber bands hung like piercings from his cheek, Albano was an outsize personality who, in a career spanning nearly five decades, was known as much for his showmanship as for his talent in the ring.

His fame skyrocketed when he appeared in Lauper's landmark 1983 music video, playing a scruffy, overbearing father in a white tank top who gets shoved against a wall by the singer.

Partly because of the success of Albano's partnership with Lauper, the entity then known as the World Wrestling Federation forged ties with the music industry. That helped bring it to a wider national audience in the mid-1980s, known as the "Rock n' Wrestling" era.

AP

In this undated publicity image released by the WWE, wrestler Captain Lou Albano is shown.

"When the Captain hit the screen with the video, it gave us a whole new audience," said "Irish" Davey O'Hannon, a professional wrestler who knew Albano since the 1970s. "When that came out, let me tell you, it just rocketed."

It was a time when wrestlers such as Albano, Hulk Hogan, "Rowdy" Roddy Piper and Andre the Giant were so popular that they could headline a television cartoon series and appear in movies.

Albano later had a role in the music video for Lauper's 1984 song "Time After Time," and he appeared in episodes of the TV series "Miami Vice" and in the 1986 movie "Body Slam." He played Mario in "The Super Mario Bros. Super Show," a live-action animated show, from 1989 to 1991.

German artist poses 1,250 Nazi garden gnomes

STRAUBING, Germany (AP)—A German artist is posing 1,250 garden gnomes with their arms outstretched in the stiff-armed Hitler salute in an installation that he calls a protest of lingering fascist tendencies in German society. Artist Ottmar Hoerl posed the gnomes in the historic central marketplace of Straubing, a town in southeastern Germany, on Wednesday. The exhibit called "dance with the devil" is to run through Oct. 19.

Most of gnomes are black plastic, but about 20 are painted shiny gold.

Displaying Nazi symbols is illegal in Germany but a court ruled earlier this year that Hoerl's gnomes were clearly satire and thus allowed.

Hoerl says: "the fascist idea, the striving to manipulate people or dictate to people ... is latently dangerous and remains present in our society."

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Gnomes showing the Hitler salute are seen in the installation 'Dance with the Devil' of German artist Ottmar Hoerl at a square in Straubing, southern Germany, on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009.

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The Stepfather
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Spy, Black Comedy • Rated R

I Can Do Bad All By Myself
Friday 4:15 7:30 9:45
Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:30 9:45
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:30
Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:30
Taraji P. Henson, Adam Rodriguez
Comedy, Drama • Rated PG 13

Fame
Friday 4:10 7:05 9:35
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Surrogates
Friday 4:05 7:10 9:50
Saturday 1:10 4:05 7:10 9:50
Sunday 1:10 4:05 7:10
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Dejected mother frets that son is forgotten overseas

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: Before my son deployed to Afghanistan two months ago, his grandma, aunts and cousins all promised to send cards, letters and care packages.

So far, not one of them has stepped up to the plate. I am so frustrated I felt like crying as I was preparing a care package with his favorite cookies.

Abby, why do people make promises they can't keep?

BROKENHEARTED MILITARY MOM

DEAR MILITARY MOM: The promises are often made with the best intentions—and then the promiser becomes distracted, diverted, forgetful. In most cases, no one means to be hurtful.

Because these forgetful folks are family members, my advice is to remind them of what a morale booster it would be for your son to hear from them. Suggest items he might need, and offer to send them along with YOUR next care package.

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DEAR ABBY: My co-worker has the same last name as a deceased porn star. We work in customer service together, and she gets many suggestive comments and laughs from our male customers. She would like to respond with a witty comeback without being offensive or jeopardizing her job. Any suggestions?

FRIEND OF LOVELACE

DEAR FRIEND: While it may be tempting for your co-worker to respond with a witty comeback, she should play it smart and resist the urge to acknowledge her male customers' attempts at humor. Once she starts "getting cute," it will only encourage more of the same.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a directory assistance operator who would like to pass on some advice to our callers:

We do NOT know your Aunt Martha who lives behind the Kmart store, and we no longer sit in the back room at a switchboard at the local drugstore. We may not even be located in the state you are calling.

When you dial directory assistance, please be prepared to provide the city, state and the first and last names of the person whose number you need, or the complete name of the business. A street name helps for common names.

Please have your pencil and paper ready to write down the number. We cannot wait five minutes while you hunt through drawers or glove compartments, or worse, put the phone down to look in another room. Our contract with your phone company usually requires that we finish each call within a short time, and we can lose that contract if we cannot comply.

And please, do not swear at us or call us names if we are unable to help you. Our information is only as good as what's provided by your local carrier to our database. We really do try our best to help you.

Thanks, Abby, for helping spread this message on behalf of thousands of hardworking operators.

SMILING INTO THE SPEAKER

DEAR SMILING: I'm pleased to pass along your commonsense suggestions. Because so much of the telephone information system has become automated, callers do need to have pencils handy and give clear information when requesting a number. And when someone is lucky enough to actually be connected to a living, breathing, flesh-and-blood human being (yes!), abusing the person is not only unproductive, it could get you disconnected.

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Avril Lavigne files for divorce from Sum 41 rocker

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Court records show Avril Lavigne has filed for divorce from her musician husband after three years of marriage. Lavigne filed for divorce from Sum 41 singer Deryck Jason Whibley on Friday in Los Angeles. The couple were married in July 2006 and have no children together. Lavigne cited "irreconcilable differences."

The 25-year-old punk-pop singer burst to fame with her 2002 debut album "Let's Go."

Lavigne is asking a ruling to block Whibley from receiving spousal support.

Court records show Whibley was granted a request to add Lavigne's last name to his name in December 2007.

In this Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 file photo, musician Avril Lavigne walks the red carpet before a New Years Eve Party at Prive in the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas Court records show Avril Lavigne has filed for divorce from her musician husband after three years of marriage, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009.

AP

Tate Modern replaces nude image of Brooke Shields

LONDON (AP)—Britain's Tate Modern museum has replaced a nude image of 10-year-old Brooke Shields with a photograph of the actress as an adult.

The Tate closed a room housing the "Spiritual America 1983" image by artist Richard Prince after a visit two weeks ago by a London police unit that deals with obscene publications.

The London museum said in a statement Wednesday that it has replaced the piece with a later version of the work made by Prince in collaboration with Shields called "Spiritual America IV 2005."

The new art work shows a photo of Shields in a bikini taken in 2005.

Crypt above Marilyn Monroe back up for auction

AP

In this April 20, 2001 file photo, a bouquet of fresh flowers adorns the crypt of movie star Marilyn Monroe at Westwood Village Memorial Park Cemetery in Los Angeles' Westwood District.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The crypt above Marilyn Monroe is going back on the auction block.

Bidding for the marble mausoleum crypt will start at $500,000 beginning Oct. 19, according to organizer Eric Gazin of AuctionCause.com. A previous $4.6 million bid for the space fell through in August when Elsie Poncher first attempted to auction off her late husband's crypt.

The new eBay.com auction will end Oct. 29 and require a 1 to 5 percent refundable deposit, based on the bid.

Gazin says he believes the crypt at the Westwood Village Memorial Park Cemetery will fetch "millions of dollars" at auction. Other celebrities including Farrah Fawcett, Natalie Wood, Rodney Dangerfield, Dean Martin, Jack Lemmon, Eva Gabor and Truman Capote have also been laid to rest at the cemetery.

Singer Leona Lewis punched during UK book signing

LONDON (AP)—A young man punched singer Leona Lewis in the head as she signed autographs and posed for photographs at a book signing session in central London on Wednesday, her spokesman said.

Stuart Bell said Lewis, 24, had been meeting members of the public at Waterstone's book store in Piccadilly in central London for about 90 minutes when a man from the line came up and hit her. He was immediately led away by security guards and later arrested by police.

Bell said Lewis, who was launching her new autobiography "Dreams," was shaken up by the incident and went to see a doctor as a precaution. Lewis shot to fame after winning the "X Factor" reality show in 2006, and her powerful voice has led to comparisons with Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston

London's Metropolitan police said a 29-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of assault and is being held in custody.

In this Sept. 17, 2009 file photo, Leona Lewis arrives at the VH1 Divas concert, in New York.

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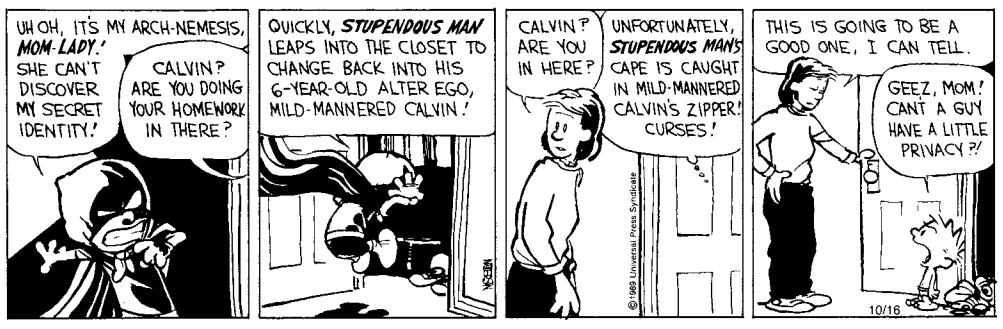
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


UH OH, IT'S MY ARCH-NEMESIS, MOM-LADY.' SHE CAN'T DISCOVER MY SECRET IDENTITY!
CALVIN? ARE YOU DOING YOUR HOMEWORK IN THERE?
QUICKLY, STUPENDOUS MAN LEAPS INTO THE CLOSET TO CHANGE BACK INTO HIS 6-YEAR-OLD ALTER EGO, MILD-MANNERED CALVIN.'
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THIS IS GOING TO BE A GOOD ONE, I CAN TELL.
GEEZ, MOM! CAN'T A GUY HAVE A LITTLE PRIVACY?!
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By Jim Davis

DING DONG
THAT'LL BE LIZ TO PICK UP HER PURSE
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CLOSE THE DOOR, YOU'RE LETTING THE MUSH IN!
JIM DAVIS 10-16

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

HOW'D IT GO?
NOT BAD. SHE SAID CLAYTON HAD A GOOD HEART AND A LOT OF ENERGY.
AND?
AND THAT HE NEEDS TO WORK ON HIS MATH.
AND?
AND THAT HIS FATHER SHOULD GIVE HIS WIFE A FOOT MASSAGE.
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GOSH. CHILDREN'S EDUCATION HAS CHANGED SO MUCH SINCE I WAS A KID.
LESS TALK. MORE RUB.
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Hasty escape
4 Lend a hand
8 Give up
12 Berlin's "What'll —?"
13 Eye layer
14 Busy with
15 Sarsaparilla concoction
17 Being, to Brutus
18 Aft
19 Puncturing tool
21 Perch
22 Goon
26 De-ices, in a way
29 Visibility hindrance
30 Through
31 Sculpture medium
32 Give the axe
33 Suitably
34 $ dispenser
35 Blend
36 Imposing residence
37 Additionally
39 Succumb to gravity
40 Luau bowlful
41 Increase threefold
45 Essen's river
48 Popular 1940s attire
50 Largest of the seven
51 Green-eyed monster
52 Moment
53 Lave
54 — -do-well
55 "What did you say?"

DOWN
1 Turkish money
2 Big fusses
3 Academic
4 Exaggerated pride
5 Occurrence
6 Shelter
7 Ideal
8 Pacify
9 Boom times
10 "Monty Python" intro
11 Pirouette pivot
16 Irritable
20 Witty one
23 It takes the cake
24 Massage supplies
25 Story
26 "Begone!"
27 Saxophone range
28 Symbol of gentleness
29 Phone transmission
32 National
33 Salary
35 Cattle call
36 Constant sufferer
38 Big name in daytime TV
39 Franklin, for one
42 Reagan successor
43 Stead
44 Leave a lasting impression
45 Uncultured
46 — Today
47 Towel designation
49 "A Chorus Line" song

Solution time: 25 mins.

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U	R	G	E	■	H	A	S	P	■	O	B	I
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Yesterday's answer 10-16

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53				■	54				■	55		

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Happy Birthday: You have a strong sense of what will and what won't work, so act on your instincts and have confidence in who you are and what you can do. Big talkers may make you feel inadequate but in the end you have way more to offer and less to lose if you just go for it. This is a year of progress so be willing to put yourself on the line. Your numbers are 7, 9, 14, 23, 26, 32, 48

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Take precautions. Don't put yourself in a vulnerable position. Greater involvement in activities that challenge you will help to eliminate the stress that others are causing in your life. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): If you let someone interfere in your life, you will have regrets. A proposal you make must be foolproof before you offer it to anyone of importance. Don't neglect your health. If you are feeling tired, take time to relax. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): You have so much to gain by focusing on what's really important and letting everything else sit for the time being. Someone younger will have a positive influence on you. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't worry if things aren't running smoothly at home. Sit back until you see an opportunity to take charge and do what needs to be done. You will find a way to turn negatives into positives. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't waste time when there is so much to be accomplished. A partnership that will bring more value to a project you are working on can be developed and the guidelines set so you both contribute equal amounts. Financial gains can be expected. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Think about your plans—past, present and future—and you'll have a better idea what direction will benefit you the most. Rely on knowledge and skills to bring you lucrative returns. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't get confused because of what everyone else is doing or telling you to do. You have to make up your own mind. Deception is likely to throw you off-course. Someone is likely to take advantage of you if you allow it. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't make a decision because things are moving so fast that you feel pressured. Time is on your side even if you are being told otherwise. Take more of an interest in people who can use your expertise and help. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You may want to be an adventurer or a crusader or just challenge yourself but, before jumping in with both feet, consider what you are really up against. Size down or take on less to make your task more feasible. ✪✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Your authoritative manner will not bode well with the people you are trying to get to help you. Don't push too hard; implementing a little fun into the mix will ensure your success. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Your goals will be met and your demands honored. Have some fun by socializing with friends or attending an event that will bring you in touch with new acquaintances. Someone's unique lifestyle will capture your imagination. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): A change of plans may unnerve you but, if you show your distress, you will put yourself at a disadvantage. You can take on a burden but only if you strike a deal to be reimbursed. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are incredibly creative and innovative. You are willing to experiment in order to learn. You are loving and entertaining.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/16

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

6	4	5	9	8	2	7	1	3
1	7	9	6	3	4	2	5	8
2	3	8	1	7	5	6	9	4
5	2	6	8	4	1	3	7	9
4	9	7	5	6	3	1	8	2
3	8	1	7	2	9	4	6	5
9	1	4	2	5	7	8	3	6
8	5	2	3	1	6	9	4	7
7	6	3	4	9	8	5	2	1

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/15

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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F	G	U	A	R	D	E	K	C	O	L	N	C	S	T
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Y	F	N	W	T	R	R	D	E	S	T	M	S	T	N
G	M	A	O	E	S	E	U	O	D	L	R	S	I	A
E	Ⓐ	O	C	W	N	P	T	C	V	E	O	E	V	C
T	Ⓣ	N	N	T	L	X	E	I	E	H	F	S	I	I
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R	Ⓓ	A	E	H	T	A	D	M	C	N	I	I	Y	I
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Disgruntled Jackson gives up Warriors' captaincy

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—"Captain Jack" is no more.

Disgruntled Golden State star Stephen Jackson asked to relinquish his captain title during a meeting Tuesday with Warriors coach Don Nelson and general manager Larry Riley.

"Don't try to dig into it, that's just how I feel," Jackson said. "I don't want to be a role model. ... Being captain was overrated to me, anyway. You don't do anything but go out before the game and talk to the refs. I don't want to do that, anyway."

Nelson accepted Jackson's request and called it a "good thing" on the heels of the emotional swingman's two-game suspension for an outburst directed at the coach early in Friday's preseason game against the Lakers in Los Angeles.

"Well, the prodigal son has returned," Nelson said after Jackson rejoined the team for Tuesday's practice. "It's good to have Jack back. We're going to keep him in the same position as far as my starting three is concerned."

Jackson, who made a public trade request in August and was later fined $25,000 by the NBA for doing so, acknowledged he didn't think Nelson supported him to the referees in a physical matchup with Kobe Bryant.

Jackson picked up five fouls and a technical in less than 10 minutes and was sent to the locker room by Nelson following a testy exchange.

Jackson never returned and the suspension ensued. He and his wife visited the zoo during the time off—and Jackson didn't watch basketball, though he said he checked the boxscore and called some teammates to tell them good game.

The rest of the Warriors are trying to stay out of Jackson's spat with management.

"I'm not really worried about who's turned in their captain badges," guard Kelenna Azubuike said.

Still, they missed their leading scorer from last season the past two games.

Nelson considered Tuesday's meeting with Jackson productive and said the Warriors "aren't asking him to be somebody different than he is." The 31-year-old Jackson said his relationship with Nelson has changed because of this incident.

The suspension cost him approximately $139,000 in salary.

"Any time somebody takes $150,000 from me, of course it's going to change," Jackson said. "If my mom took some money from me I'd still love her to death but I'd still be upset about it. And he's not my mom."

All of this after Jackson was so thrilled when Nelson called to ask him to be captain before last season that he apparently celebrated with champagne.

But Jackson has been upset with the Warriors' decline since he helped the franchise end a 13-year postseason drought with a trip to the second round of the playoffs in 2007.

Then why did he agree to a three-year, $28 million contract extension last November? He said that was about money—he couldn't turn it down. But now he wants out, and the sooner the better.

"We're going to try to accommodate him but it's not that easy to do," Nelson said.

Jackson averaged 20.7 points, 5.1 rebounds and 6.5 assists in 59 games last season. He insists he will continue to play hard as long as he's here.

Jackson still thinks a trade could happen.

"I don't think it's hard. I know there's a lot of teams that want me. I'm a good player," he said. "I speak my mind. I don't bite my tongue for no one. Whether you pay me or not, I'm not biting my tongue."

Jackson acknowledged the Warriors helped him repair his rocky image, though he's also said he has no regrets about going into the stands with Ron Artest during the infamous Pacers-Pistons brawl in 2004.

"This ain't the first time I lost money. I lost $3 million on the fight," Jackson said. "I didn't agree with (the latest suspension). Anybody who'd seen the game saw how I got handled out there. I got treated wrong, no question."

When asked whether he felt he had Nelson's support Friday, he said, "If I would have felt that way I wouldn't have blew up."

Jackson said he won't be a distraction. He said he'd be open to sitting out if that's what the Warriors decide is best.

"If they want to send me home and pay me, I'm fine with that," he said.

The Indiana Pacers last season told Jamaal Tinsley not to report to training camp and didn't allow him to play. New York kept Stephon Marbury on the bench then later told him to stay away until the Knicks finally waived him after he agreed to a buyout of his $20.8 million contract. Boston then acquired him.

In regards to a buyout, Jackson said: "It has to be right. I doubt if they'd do that."

For now, everybody involved would like to move forward.

That's tough to do when Jackson says he can't guarantee something similar won't happen again.

"We'll have to wait and see. I can't predict the future," he said.

"I hope not," Nelson said. "The only unfortunate part is we've been doing some very nice things. We've been playing pretty darn well and nobody seems to know. Things happen and you deal with them and you move on."

NBA BRIEFS

Flu bug bites LeBron, Cavaliers

CLEVELAND (AP)—The flu bug has bitten LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers. James will miss the club's final home exhibition game against the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night because of flu-like symptoms that have been bothering him for several days. Forward Darnell Jackson and guard Coby Karl were also out with the flu. James and his two teammates were told to stay home so they don't spread the flu. As a standard precaution, all of the players will be tested for the H1N1 virus, team officials said. The NBA's reigning MVP, James has been under the weather for the past few days. He was sent home from practice on Tuesday and was not at the Wednesday morning shootaround. In addition, the Cavaliers will be without guards Mo Williams (groin), Delonte West (personal reasons) and forward Danny Green (leg bruise).

Warriors exercise options with Wright, Randolph

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—The Golden State Warriors have exercised the fourth-year contract option on forward Brandan Wright and the third-year contract option on forward Anthony Randolph. The moves announced Wednesday keep Wright and Randolph under contract to the team through the 2010-11 season. Wright, the eighth overall pick in 2007, appeared in 39 games last season, averaging 8.3 points and 4.0 rebounds in 17.6 minutes per contest. He had surgery on his left shoulder earlier this month and will miss the start of the season. Randolph, the 14th pick in 2008, appeared in 63 games as a rookie, averaging 7.9 points, 5.8 rebounds and 1.17 blocks in 17.9 minutes per game.

Attorney general taking over Williams case

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—The New Jersey attorney general's office will take over the manslaughter prosecution of former NBA star Jayson Williams. An office spokesman said Wednesday that it would replace the Hunterdon County prosecutor's office for Williams' retrial on a reckless manslaughter count stemming from the shooting of a hired driver in 2002. Current and former employees of the county office testified last week in a hearing to determine whether the case has been tainted by racial bias. It was disclosed two years ago that a county investigator used a racial slur to describe Williams, who is black. Williams was convicted of covering up the shooting, but the jury deadlocked on a reckless manslaughter count.

Dodgers to start Kershaw, Phillies go with Hamels

Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw warms up during practice on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, in Los Angeles.

AP

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Phillies and Dodgers are back in the National League championship series for the second straight year, making them the closest thing the NL has to a couple of dominant teams.

They are the first repeat teams since Houston and St. Louis squared off in 2004 and '05, and only the third repeaters since Atlanta and Pittsburgh met in 1991 and '92.

"I heard Joe Torre say the beauty of it is always going back and seeing how many times you can win," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said Wednesday of his Los Angeles counterpart.

"Believe me, we came back here to win. I have more determination probably than I had last year, and I mean that from the fact that that's how much I want it, and I think I know how much our players want it."

A year ago, the Phillies took a 2-0 lead at home and went on to beat the Dodgers in five games in the NLCS before defeating Tampa Bay to win the World Series.

Now, they're trying to become the first repeat World Series winners since Torre's Yankees did so from 1998-2000.

"When you repeat, you basically have to go through a tougher season to get there," Torre said. "You've got a bull's-eye on your back. Everyone seems to put on their Sunday best to play you. You always get the best pitchers matching up."

The Phillies have won the NLCS in each of their last four appearances, beating the Dodgers last year and in 1980, and winning it in 1993 and 1983.

This year, the Dodgers own home-field advantage against the team they beat four times in seven games during the regular season.

"Because we're the ones that took it away from them, they definitely want to prove something," Phillies Game 1 starter Cole Hamels said. "If I'm able to go out and execute strikes and really get ahead of them, I can definitely make this a better game for my pitching."

Clayton Kershaw will start for the Dodgers on Thursday in a matchup of left-handers.

At 21 years and 209 days, Kershaw will be the third-youngest Game 1 starter in postseason history and the eighth-youngest starter overall, according to STATS LLC. The youngest Game 1 pitcher was Fernando Valenzuela, who was 20 years and 339 days when he started for the Dodgers in the 1981 division series.

"I've grown up a lot since last year," said Kershaw, who worked out of the bullpen in last year's NLCS. "It's not obviously the same starting Game 1 of a series or anything like that, but just to have the experience to get out there and pitch against them a little bit is definitely going to help me out."

Torre went with Kershaw because he came up big in the Dodgers' division-clinching win against Colorado on Oct. 3. He pitched six scoreless innings in that game, striking out his first five batters and retiring his first 11 in a row.

"He's the most mature 21-year-old kid I've run across," teammate Randy Wolf said. "At the same time, he's stubborn and that's good because I don't want a pushover guy. If he's throwing strikes, he's pretty amazing."

The rest of the Dodgers' rotation will be Vicente Padilla, Hiroki Kuroda and Wolf, who would pitch Game 4 against his old team in Philadelphia.

Kershaw will be backed by a starting lineup of Rafael Furcal, Andre Ethier, Manny Ramirez, Matt Kemp, Casey Blake, James Loney, Ronnie Belliard and Russell Martin.

Ramirez wasn't a factor in the first two games of the division series against St. Louis, going 1 for 8, but he broke out with three hits and two RBIs in Game 3 to close out the sweep.

"I'm comfortable all the time, my confidence level is up all the time," he said. "I'm just excited and can't wait to see what happens. The rest of the guys grew up a lot. They're more ready this time."

Manuel wouldn't disclose his rotation beyond Hamels or his lineup.

Kershaw was 0-2 against the Phillies in the regular season, but he plans an aggressive approach Thursday.

"That's what I try to do every time," he said. "I'm not trying to sit up there and walk people or try and pitch around someone else. You can't go out there with that mindset. They've got a great lineup. But the pitcher's job is just to go right after them with your best stuff."

The Dodgers worked out Wednesday in light rain and 89 percent humidity. The rain had ended by the time the Phillies took the field. Thursday's forecast calls for a high of 78 degrees.

Lackey to start against Sabathia in ALCS Game 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—John Lackey will start Friday night's Game 1 of the AL championship series against CC Sabathia and the Yankees, getting the nod from manager Mike Scioscia before the Angels traveled to New York on Wednesday.

Lackey pitched 7 1-3 innings to lead Los Angeles to a 5-0 win over the Boston Red Sox in Game 1 of the division series. The right-hander is 3-3 with a 3.02 ERA in 12 career postseason games, 10 starts.

"It's a fun atmosphere, for sure," Lackey said. "It's the same as the last round. It helps to win the first game, but the importance is probably a little bit less in a seven-game series, especially being on the road. It'll be a challenge the whole series. They're a great team."

Lackey was 11-8 with a 3.83 ERA after missing the first 33 games because of a forearm strain. He got Los Angeles off to a great start in the first round of the playoffs, allowing just four singles against Boston.

"When John is on that mound, he competes as well as anybody I've seen," Scioscia said of the eight-year veteran, who won Game 7 of the 2002 World Series as a rookie.

Lackey was 3-3 with a 3.76 ERA at the old Yankee Stadium and has yet to pitch in the new park—which is much more conducive to home runs. The right-hander gave up 23 in his 32 starts this season.

"You can't just focus on one guy in that lineup because they're too deep," Lackey said. "Hopefully you keep guys off base in front of him and limit the damage."

Scioscia revealed his four-man rotation following a morning workout at Angel Stadium that preceded the team's flight to New York.

Left-hander Joe Saunders will start Game 2 against A.J. Burnett on Saturday. Jered Weaver, the Angels' Game 2 pitcher in their sweep of the Red Sox, will face Andy Pettitte when the series shifts to Anaheim on Monday for Game 3.

"There's a lot of things that went into it, but I don't think it was a tough decision. We just wanted to evaluate a couple of things," Scioscia said. "I think it makes sense for Joe to pitch Game 2 in that ballpark. Joe has the tools to pitch in that stadium. Joe's had a terrific year for us and we're confident when he's out there pitching."

Saunders will be making his second postseason start. He allowed four runs over 4 2-3 innings in the Angels' 5-4 victory at Boston in Game 3 of last year's division series.

Scott Kazmir, acquired Aug. 28 from Tampa Bay, will start Game 4 in Anaheim - most likely against Sabathia.

New York manager Joe Girardi announced Tuesday he was leaning toward a three-man rotation, and weather could be a factor in his decision.

"I'm hearing a lot of rain. We may face Sabathia seven times," Scioscia joked. "We might play just one game a week. I don't know."

Major league teams wooing Japanese pitcher Kikuchi

TOKYO (AP)—The Boston Red Sox are among several major league teams lining up to woo Japanese high school pitcher Yusei Kikuchi.

The 18-year-old lefthander, who throws a fastball that has been clocked as high as 96 mph, is the latest Japanese amateur pitcher to draw interest from major leagues teams.

Kikuchi will hold talks with the Red Sox, Los Angeles Dodgers, Texas Rangers and the San Francisco Giants on Monday, the Nikkan Sports newspaper reported Thursday. The New York Yankees, New York Mets and Seattle Mariners are scheduled to meet with him the following day.

The Red Sox drew criticism in Japan last year when they signed amateur pitcher Junichi Tazawa. He was passed over by Japan's professional teams in last year's amateur draft after he said he wanted to play in the United States.

Boston has a strong scouting network in Japan and already has four Japanese pitchers on its major league roster: Daisuke Matsuzaka, Hideki Okajima, Takashi Saito, and Tazawa.

Japanese teams are not allowed to make offers to amateurs before the draft. No rule prevents American teams from pursuing them, although Japanese baseball officials believe there is a 'gentlemen's agreement' making amateurs off limits.

Nippon Professional Baseball has requested that Kikuchi not receive an offer from any major league clubs before Japan's amateur draft on Oct. 29.

All 12 Japanese professional teams have set up meetings with Kikuchi, who has also said he would eventually like to play in the U.S.

Dodgers owner Frank McCourt, wife separate

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt and his wife Jamie have separated.

The couple confirmed it in a statement to The Associated Press on Wednesday night.

"This is a personal matter and they request that their privacy be respected," the statement said, adding that no further public comments would be made.

The announcement came on the eve of Game 1 of the National League championship series between the Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies.

In March, Frank McCourt promoted his wife to chief executive officer of the team he gained ownership of in January 2004 after moving from his native Boston. She is the highest-ranking woman in Major League Baseball.

McCourt cited his wife's "outstanding job of building a first-class business operation" in announcing the move.

Jamie McCourt began as Dodgers vice chairman and was named team president in 2005.

The McCourts were named "Power Couple of the Year" in 2008 by the Los Angeles Business Journal.

The couple, married since 1979, has four grown sons.

During the Dodgers' division series sweep of St. Louis, the McCourts didn't sit together in the owner's box behind home plate. She sat in the first row and he was in the third, often next to former Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda.

NFL owners put off creating free agency window

BOSTON (AP)—Free agency rules will change if the NFL has no salary cap for the 2010 season, and team owners opted not to add to potential uncertainty by bringing an antitampering measure to the table.

The owners offered a proposal to create an offseason window when teams can negotiate with free agents even before the players actually become available. The idea is not dead and will be discussed at next March's winter meetings—weeks after free agency is scheduled to begin.

And with no new collective bargaining agreement with the players union in place, next season will be an uncapped year—albeit with further restrictions on player movement.

"We've been discussing this for two to three years and haven't vetted it enough to make sure we've got the right system," said Rich McKay, co-chairman of the competition committee and president of the Atlanta Falcons. "We'll continue to look at it and bring it up again."

McKay said the owners prefer stricter enforcement of current tampering rules.

"The anti-tampering rules have served us well," he said. "We hold onto the idea of let's enforce these rules."

Currently, a free agent can negotiate with his current team until free agency begins. But, as McKay cryptically noted, there have been violations.

"People have always hung on to the idea of 'We have rules, let's enforce them.' But they're very hard to enforce," he said. "I don't necessarily put all the blame on the clubs. There's another group at work here, a group that is not necessarily under our control."

That group would be player agents, many of whom consider stretching the rules part of the free agent game.

Last March, the Titans sent information to the league that the Redskins might have contacted Albert Haynesworth and his agent, Chad Speck, before free agency began Feb. 27. No charges were brought, however.

AP

This is an April 25, 2009, file photo, showing NFL commissioner Roger Goodell during the NFL Draft in New York.

Haynesworth signed a seven-year, $100 million contract with Washington that included $41 million in guaranteed money.

Recently, the NFL began investigating whether the New York Jets tampered with San Francisco's first-round draft choice, Michael Crabtree, during his lengthy holdout. The wide receiver signed with the 49ers earlier this month.

"They are difficult to enforce because you want to be certain you have a violation before you take any action," commissioner Roger Goodell said.

"I think there could be a change in the future, but at the end of the day the clubs focused on ... we have rules in place and don't make any modification to it. There's no consensus on what modifications we should make and what the impact might be."

Goodell said another negotiating session with the NFL Players Association is scheduled for next week. The sides have met several times, but no major economic negotiations on a new collective bargaining agreement have occurred.

If 2010 winds up being an uncapped season, there could be some confusion for players.

"With the restrictions in place, the game will be really at the same level it has been in the past several years," Goodell said. "Quality is what we focus on and I don't see it being impacted.

"But I think there will be changes that affect players. There won't be team (salary) minimums, (unrestricted) free agency will go from four years to six. There are lot of factors that will affect the dynamics."

The owners also met with George Martin, who has been hired by the NFL Alumni Association, a group that plans to be the lone voice for retired players. Those players have had their representation fragmented by many groups, and Goodell believes working with one organization will be a positive development.

"One thing I've heard coming out of meetings with retired players was that they want an independent organization that is focused entirely on retired players," Goodell said. "Now we can have an entity that is independent that can identify issues that are priorities for retired players.

"Retired players are an asset. They're wonderful ambassadors for the game, they mean so much to fans. To be able to cooperate with them to provide opportunities for them, this is a great development for us."

Limbaugh dropped from group seeking to buy Rams

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Conservative radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh has been dropped from a group seeking to buy the St. Louis Rams. Limbaugh was to be a limited partner in a bid led by St. Louis Blues chairman Dave Checketts, but Checketts said in a statement Wednesday that Limbaugh's participation had complicated the effort. The group will move forward without him.

Checketts said he will have no further comment on the bid process. Limbaugh did not immediately respond to an e-mail sent late Wednesday seeking comment on Checketts' decision.

Limbaugh said on his radio show earlier Wednesday that he had been inundated with e-mails from listeners who supported him in the bid.

"This is not about the NFL, it's not about the St. Louis Rams, it's not about me," Limbaugh said. "This is about the ongoing effort by the left in this country, wherever you find them, in the media, the Democrat Party, or wherever, to destroy conservatism, to prevent the mainstreaming of anyone who is prominent as a conservative.

"Therefore, this is about the future of the United States of America and what kind of country we're going to have."

Limbaugh's bid ran into opposition from within the image-conscious NFL on Tuesday when Colts owner Jim Irsay said he would vote against the radio personality. Commissioner Roger Goodell said the commentator's "divisive" comments would not be tolerated from any NFL insider.

The league tries to avoid getting snared in controversial issues outside sports, which has caused Limbaugh trouble in the past. In 2003, he was forced to resign from ESPN's Sunday night football broadcast after saying of Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb: "I think what we've had here is a little social concern in the NFL. The media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well."

The Rams had no comment, reissuing a statement from Oct. 5 in which owner Chip Rosenbloom said a review of the team's ownership was under way and the club will make an announcement when it's over.

Checketts, the chairman of SCP Worldwide, announced that Limbaugh had been dumped toward the end of a news release.

"It has become clear that his involvement in our group has become a complication and a distraction to our intentions; endangering our bid to keep the team in St. Louis," Checketts said. "As such, we have decided to move forward without him and hope it will eventually lead us to a successful conclusion."

The move was hailed by the Rev. Al Sharpton, one of the most vocal critics of Limbaugh's bid.

"It is a moral victory for all Americans - especially the players that have been unfairly castigated by Rush Limbaugh," Sharpton said in a statement. "This decision will also uphold the unifying standards of major sports."

Sharpton added in a telephone interview that major sports leagues shouldn't welcome owners who are "divisive and incendiary."

Every major pro sports franchise has dealings with its community, he said. "It's unfair for taxpayers to be underwriting people who denigrate them," he said.

Checketts said Limbaugh would have not had any say in the direction of the franchise "or in any decisions regarding personnel or operations."

Before getting dropped, Limbaugh said he had no intention of backing out.

"I'm not even thinking of caving," he said. "I am not a caver. Pioneers take the arrows. We are pioneers. It's a sad thing that our country, over 200 years old now, needs pioneers all over again, but we do."

Pit bull group says Vick won't see his former dogs

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—A Bay Area pit bull advocacy group says Michael Vick has declined an invitation to visit eight of his former dogs this weekend when the Philadelphia Eagles are in town to play the Oakland Raiders.

The group BAD RAP (Bay Area Doglovers Responsible About Pitbulls) told The Associated Press on Wednesday that it extended the invitation through the Eagles to Vick last week to view his former dogs that were part of the dog fighting operation at Bad Newz Kennels in southeastern Virginia.

BAD RAP co-founder Tim Racer said the group picked a location that would have allowed Vick to view the dogs from behind a window at a distance that satisfied the conditions of his parole that bar him from being near animals.

Racer said the Eagles informed him Wednesday that Vick would decline the offer. An e-mail sent to an Eagles spokesman was not immediately returned.

"We understand Vick is trying to right his wrongs and is very interested in redemption, but you can't find redemption without acknowledging your victims," Racer said. "Making amends to the dogs themselves would have helped to create some closure for many of us, especially those people who worked so hard to keep them from being destroyed. It seems that Vick is not ready to go there."

Oakland-based BAD RAP absorbed 10 of Vick's dogs into its foster program after being given permission from the federal government to evaluate and rescue as many of the dogs as possible.

Sunday's game against the Raiders is the first road game for Vick since being reinstated to the NFL following an 18-month prison sentence for his involvement in a dogfighting ring. A spokesman for the animal rights group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, said it has no plans to protest the game.

IT&E Inter-Govt/Biz caging resumes tonight

After much ado when teams took the court two days ago, action in the IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League resumes tonight with a pair of pivotal matchups between some of the league's powerhouses.

The league hit what organizers termed as "a bump in the road" on Wednesday evening when the head of local basketball officials misread an email and mistakenly applied league wide sanctions to the wrong league.

Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Island president Elias Rangamar recently put the brakes on the Saipan Rotary Youth Basketball League due to a lack of payment from some of the teams and a chain of emails within the organization ensued.

IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League coordinator Ponce Rasa explained that Wednesday night's confusion stemmed from crossed signals from league personnel involved who work to organize both leagues.

"League official Gabriel White was notified that the Rotary League was to be suspended until further notice and he mistakenly thought that the ruling also applied to the IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League as well," said Rasa.

As a result, White informed the teams that the games would not be played and told them to await further information from league officials.

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IT&E's Elmer Esdrelon pulls up for a jumper during their game against Hyatt Regency Saipan in the inter-government/business caging early this month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Rasa promptly cleared the matter up the following day and announced the resumption of tonight's regularly scheduled.

"I would like to let you know that this is a temporary bump on the road and the IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League is not suspended and will continue as planned," he said.

White is the highest ranked local referee and has represented the CNMI as an official in numerous international basketball competitions. He expressed his appreciation for the patience and understanding of all of the players, teams, officials and fans who were affected on Wednesday night.

"It was an honest mistake and I apologize to everyone involved for any confusion that has resulted from last night," said White.

League officials recognized White's achievements and concurred with Rasa's "bump in the road" assessment of the events that transpired.

"Gabe has elevated the level of officiating to new heights and has done an admirable job improving basketball in the Marianas. We're lucky to have him calling the shots on the court and we're confident that his efforts will continue to improve the game," said Rangamar.

Tonight's matches get underway at 6:30pm when a resurgent CPA Accounting squad battles CHC in the early game, followed by a showdown between Tinian's top guns and the ballers from CPA ARFF at 8pm. ***(PR)***

Pacman still thrives despite stormy weather

BOXING

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines—The stormy weather here may have eaten out a chunk of Manny Pacquiao's road work, but conditioning coach Alex Ariza believes that it may have done the Filipino ring icon good.

Pacquiao, according to Ariza, was at least forced to slow down.

"It did him good; We had some breaks in the morning and we were able to rest a bit," said Ariza. "In the beginning of his training here, he was overdoing it. Last week, he was able to relax."

As in past training camps, one of the toughest things to do is to get Pacquiao to taper off from his noted beastly workouts.

The Pacman, who is preparing for a super bout against Miguel Cotto on Nov. 14 in Las Vegas, hasn't been taking it easy in sparring, however.

On Tuesday, Pacquiao sparred with highly touted former two-time world lightweight champion Jose Luis Castillo for three rounds, dominating the Mexican thoroughly. The Filipino sensation then wrapped up his day's session with a four-round confrontasi opposite American Shawn Porter.

"I'm starting to get in better shape," Pacquiao told the Inquirer in Filipino. "Even if I haven't been able to run, at least, I'm starting to swim and I've been trying the treadmill."

In his anticipated sparring with Castillo, Pacquiao used his vastly improved lateral movements in trying to avoid the Mexican's uppercuts and body shots. Pacquiao stalled Castillo's aggressive attacks with three to five punch combos and counter left straights.

The 35-year-old Castillo (60-9-1, 52 KOs) ended his first day of sparring with specks of blood on his left nostril.

"I can't see his left. It's very fast and strong. I think that will be a big problem of Cotto," Castillo told the Inquirer. ***(PDI)***

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complete innings.

However, SaiPal was determined to end its skid in the PCA fundraiser, bouncing back at the bottom of the fourth inning. SaiPal scored eight runs at the bottom of the fourth inning to grab the lead, 10-6. The eventual champion added four more in the fifth inning and then shut out Peleliu at the top of the sixth to finally claim the PCA title that eluded SaiPal in the past two years.

SaiPal advanced to the finals of the inaugural PCA tournament in 2007, but lost to No Ka Oi. Last year, there was a rematch between SaiPal and No Ka Oi, which changed its name to Mix, and for the second straight time, SaiPal failed to notch the crown.

This year, SaiPal made sure it will not go home empty-handed, foiling Peleliu's bid for an upset. SaiPal was composed of Tyrone Omar, Jason Hayes, Hector Efraim, Lawrence Dikito, Juan Dikito, Gloyd Martin, Kuich Damian, Jay Camacho, Cliff Silil, John Terlaje, Marino Hiroichi Jr., and Luis Ngiraikelau.

The PCA crown was SaiPal second title in three months, as it also ruled the rain-soaked Miller Lite 7th Annual Marianas Cup Friendship Tournament in August.

SaiPal was sponsored by Ngiraikelau, while three other individuals and one association backed the three other squads.

Peleliu is supported by the Peleliu Association on Saipan. Members of the team were Poland Masaharu, Darwin Masaharu, Dennis Renguul, Roy Celis, Manny Sablan, Jerry Ayuyu, Julian Camacho, Norman Mobel, Marvin Kaipat, Mike Sablan, Isaiah, and Lefty Shiro.

Lino Tenorio sponsored third placer Team San Roque while T-Rubak was supported by Poland Masaharu and Rufino Aguon.

Meanwhile, organizer of the PCA tournament thanked Docomo and all participants for ensuring the success of the 2009 edition of the fundraiser. Proceeds from the event will be used to help in the construction of PCA's abai (house).

Winner of this year's tournament received $500 and a carved trophy. The prize money and trophy will be awarded to SaiPal tomorrow during the celebration of the Palau Independence Day at the Civic Center basketball court in Susupe.

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least seven years, which is also consecutive.

"We will explore all options, but still we want to preserve the foundation from where the Micronesian Games was built, which is to highlight the athletic skills of our Micronesian athletes," White said.

White discussed one of the changes he may recommend. It involves athletes who may be allowed to compete if one of their parents or grandparents is from the island/country they are representing.

The next edition of the Micronesian Games will be held in Palau next year.

The 7th Micronesian Games offers 15 sports, namely, baseball, lawn tennis, swimming, triathlon, athletics, basketball, Micro All-Around, outrigger canoe, spear-fishing, fast-pitch softball, table tennis, weightlifting, beach volleyball, indoor volleyball, and wrestling. The multi-sports event will run from Aug. 1 to 10.

With less than a year before the Micro Games kick-off, White is encouraging local federations to start forming their teams and holding fundraisers.

So far, only basketball, athletics, baseball, lawn tennis, table tennis, spear-fishing, beach volleyball, and swimming had signified their intentions to send teams/athletes to Palau. However, their preparations are still in the early stages and none of them has yet to hold fundraising activities.

The CNMI hosted the sixth edition of the Micro Games in 2006 and was runner-up to Guam in the overall medal standings.

The Commonwealth ended up with the most medals with 98, but had only 34 gold medals, 33 silver, and 31 bronze to finish second behind Guam, which had a 51-27-18 tally. Palau came in third with its 27 gold, 16 silver, and 21 bronze medals.

Chuuk collected six gold, 10 silver, and 12 bronze, Pohnpei had a 5-15-17 tally, Kiribati had 5-7-5, the Marshall Islands had 3-5-12, Kosrae had 3-3-2, and Yap had 2-7-3.

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surance, respectively. If golfers miss the cash prize, they can still win two more hole-in-one prizes, a Nissan Sentra from Joeten Motors and a Mazda B4000 pickup from Triple J Motors.

There will also be prizes for straightest and longest drives and closest to the pin besides the perks for the Top 3 finishers in the men's low gross and men's and women's low net. The champion in each division will take home $500, $300 for second, and $200 for third.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce executive director Kyle Calabrese said they are hoping to attract between 80 to 100 golfers for the weekend tournament.

He added proceeds from the one-day event will be used for Chamber's educational endeavors, such as awarding scholarships to CNMI high school students who wish to go to college and pursue higher education.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce held its inaugural fundraiser last year, raising more than $10,000 after luring around 100 participants in 2008.

The duo of Kim Kyo Na and Zhang Hua Long ruled the low net double peoria contest after recording a net of 69, built around a gross of 63 (32-31) and a handicap of -6.

Jay Santos and Vince Seman, who had a combined handicap of 4.8, settled for second place after shooting a gross 74 and net 69.20.

Completing the Top 3 were P.J. Houn and Yasu Irinaka, who sported a handicap of -3.6 to finish with a gross 66 (33-33) and net 69.6.

The low gross title went to the tandem of former Superior Court presiding judge Ed Manibusan and Nick Sablan, who tallied a 31 and 33, respectively, for a gross 64.

Jeff Taylor and Adam Hardwick checked-in at second place after their gross 66. Ben Duenas and Ray San Nicolas also carded a gross 66, but lost in the scorecard tiebreak to drop to third place.

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LOCAL SCORES

SBA STANDINGS
Agingan Division

	W	L
Utopia "NTT Docomo Hustlers	49	14
Jonny's IT&E Voyagers	47	16
Jonny's Home Boys	32	31
D' Pirates Huwa	31	22
Round Perfect Spotters	30	33

Obyan Division

USSP Watever	35	28
USSP Fotten Palau	28	35
Wild Bill's Shark Attack	27	36
D' Pirates 8 Ballers	23	40
VFW "Sentinel"	13	50

SEDA STANDINGS
Masters Division

D' Pirate's M-Destroyers	73	46
Jonny's Black Stallions	70	32
Oleai Snipers	70	49
VFW Angry Dragons	55	64
Buds Brothers M	39	63
Oleai D' Companeros	33	86

A Division

Jonny's Black Stallions Jr.	70	49
Naked Fish Boyz	67	52
D' Pirates 101 Proofers	65	54
Jonny's Load Up	62	57
Bud's FUJIN	60	59
Bud's Brothers A	56	63
Bud's Enforcer	51	51
Bud's No Name	28	74

Tuesday B

D' Pirates CK - Destroyers	69	36
VFW Naughty Boyz	57	48
D' Pirates B Destroyers	56	49
Jonny's Samurai	46	59
Buds Bar Pure Budz	45	60
Buds "Bring it on 1"	42	63

Thursday B

Buds Brothers B	85	35
Buds Bring it on 11	74	46
Remington Naughty Boyz	67	53
Naked Man F.O.T.T.E	67	53
USSP No Fear	63	57
Buds B-Bwiibwis Barracuda	61	59
The Flair Salut Balut	54	66
VFW Dutty Gunz	50	70
Snicker N' Tuna Lights Out	40	80
The Flair Get Sum	39	81

C Kingfisher Division

Jonny's Wasabe	81	24
Bar Gaia Gaiana	64	41
USSP Young Gunz	62	43
VFW One Shot	58	47
Jonny's ADH	50	55
BYE	0	105

C Chichirika Division

Buds Bwiibwis C	66	39
Snicker's Lucky Shot	58	47
Buds C-Bwiibwis Barracuda	57	48
Buds Darty Deeds Dart Deux	56	49
D' Pirates Sang & the Gang	53	52
USSP Bomsoro	25	80

Ladies Division

VFW Yakau	53	37
Jonny's . Com	49	41
Buds Bwiibwis Mermaid	38	37
Tijuana B-52 Shooter's	30	45
Snicker's Mama Sniper's	25	35

Hustlers regain solo lead in 8-ball league

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Utopia NTT Docomo Hustlers reclaimed the solo lead in the 2009 SBA Budweiser Open 8-Ball League after sweeping USSP Fotten Palau in their Week 9 games on Tuesday at Utopia Bar.

A 7-0 sweep improved the Hustlers standings to 49-14 and gave them the solo No. 1 spot in the Agingan division, ahead by two wins against second-running Jonny's IT&E Voyagers (47-16),

The Voyagers also won their Week 9 matches, but recorded only a 5-2 triumph over Wild Bill's Shark Attack to drop from a share of first place to second.

Moving up from fourth to third place in the Agingan division was Jonny's Home Boys, who also swept their assignments on Tuesday. Jonny's Home Boys now have a 32-21 record after a 7-0 win over VFW Sentinel, bumping off D' Pirates Huwa (31-32) from third place.

The Round Perfect Spotters had a hard-earned 4-3 win against D' Pirates 8 Ballers, but the former remained at the bottom of the team standings in the Agingan division with their 30-33 mark.

Posting the third shutout win in Week 9 was USSP Watever, which blanked D' Pirates Huwa, 7-0. The sweep allowed USSP Watever to retain the top spot in the Obyan division.

USSP Watever, which holds a 35-28 slate now enjoys a seven-win lead over USSP Fotten Palau (28-35).

Not far behind USSP Fotten Palau is third placer Wild Bill's Shark Attack (27-36). Wild Bill's Shark Attack's two wins over the Voyagers moved the former a win away from tying USSP Fotten Palau.

The two remaining squads in the Obyan divisions kept their position at the bottom of the team standings with D' Pirates 8 Ballers holding the N. 4 spot with its 23-40 slate and VFW Sentinel occupying the cellar with its 13-50 mark.

Meanwhile, notable performances in Week 8 included a three 8-ball on the break from John Mongami and one each from Marlito Baisule, Chester Hamoy, Jojo Talibong, and James Wabinga.

In the run the rack, the Hustlers' Jerry Soriano made four, Nolan Cultura tallied three and Patrick Taitano and RJ Mascarinas recorded two apiece. Recording one run the rack each were Ben Norita, Roman Rodriguez, Eric Caisip, Juancho Mendoza, Patrick Cepeda, Nolas Kalinga, Hamoy, and Mongami.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Jonny's Home Boys posted one of the three shutout wins in Week 9 of the SBA 8-ball league on Tuesday.

Matsumoto wins CWGA October tourney

Ayako Matsumoto nipped last month's winner Eun Ae Chang to win the CNMI Women's Golf Association October Monthly Tournament held last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course.

The vice president of Pacific Eagle Enterprises Inc. shot identical 44s in the front and back nines to finish with a gross of 88, which after her 12 handicap was deducted gave her a net 76.

Jeon Young Lin actually had a lower score than Matsumoto with her net 75 (45-44, 14 handicap), but she failed to submit the required scorecard requirement for handicap posting and her score was disallowed.

Chang was a stroke behind Matsumoto with her net 77. The 18-handicapper came away with a 46 in the front and a 49 in the back for a gross of 95.

Yuko Togawa and Dolores Yamagishi both carded a net 78, but the latter took third place on a scorecard tiebreak. The six-handocap Togawa fired a gross of 84 built around a 40 in the front and 44 in the back. The 21-handicapped Yamagishi, for her part, shot a gross of 88 (48-51).

A total of 16 CWGA members took part in the October tournament. The rest of players, with their net scores in parentheses, are as follows: Terue Ukita (79); Bennet Seman (79), Noriko Togawa (80); Masayo Miyamoto (80); Chin Lin Wang (81); Yang Kim (82); Kimiko Abe (82); Lorraine Babauta (88); Xiao Ling Wang (93), and Ok Soon Kim (gross 105).

Established in March 2007, CWGA is a nonprofit organization founded to promote, encourage, and introduce women to the sport of golf in the CNMI.

The organization intends to accomplish the following: 1. Promote civic and community interest in golf; 2. Establish and encourage competition and good sportsmanship; 3. Promote and provide social functions of the members and their families; 4. Promote youth golf activities; and 5. To do any or all things necessary and proper to accomplish its purpose and intention.

CWGA also commits its members to abide by a set of values that will further enrich a golfer's performance, attitude, and conduct-adopted form the USA Junior Golf Association.

The set of values members of CWGA are committed to faithfully are as follows: perseverance; sportsmanship; respect; honesty; judgment; responsibility; reliance; courtesy; and sincerity.

For more information about the club's monthly tournaments, call Noriko Togawa at 287-0027, Lou Kim at 483-5255, Terry Tudela at 483-1761, Lorraine Babauta at 287-0621, and Bennet Seman at 483-0126. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Participants of the CNMI Women's Golf Association October Monthly Tournament pose after the competition last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course.

October King and Queen of the Lanes set

The Saipan Bowling Association and Budweiser will host the October King and Queen of the Lanes Tenpin Bowling Tournament this Sunday and Monday, Oct. 18 and 19, at the Saipan Bowling Center in Garapan.

Sunday's roll-off begins at 3pm, while Monday's competition starts at 6pm. Registration starts 30 minutes prior to game time. Awarding ceremonies immediately follow the end of competition on Monday.

The competition is exclusive for SBA members with participants limited to the first 60 entries for each day.

Members have the option to bowl on Sunday or Monday, or on both days, provided that the $15 entry fee is paid. Bowlers who did not bowl on Sunday will be given priority for the Monday shift. Only the higher score will count for the tournament. All participants have to pay the $15 SBA annual membership fee.

The champion is guaranteed $100 in prize money but it could go up to as much $150 depending on the number of participants. Women participants will only have separate prizes if there are at least 10 entries.

Youth bowlers (12 to 18 years old), meanwhile, will duke it out in the Fiji Water Prince and Princess of the Lanes Tenpin Bowling Tournament in Day 1 of the monthly competition. Entry fee is $10 for the Fiji Water Prince and Princess of the Lanes.

Youth bowlers must also pay the annual SBA youth membership fee of $10 if they wish to qualify for the annual roll off.

The Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes Tournament aims to crown 12 monthly champions through the course of the year.

For early registration and payment, see or contact Gigi or Ross Zapanta at 288-5627 or email zapanta@pticom.com. ***(PR)***

Two teams grab lead in SEDA league

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The 2009 Bud Light/Saipan Electronic Dart Association League have two new leaders, following last week's action at the various bars and watering holes on Saipan.

D' Pirates M-Destroyers took the No. 1 spot in the Masters division from Jonny's Black Stallions with the former improving to a 73-46 record against the latter's 70-32 slate.

Completing the Masters division standings are Oleai Snipers (70-49), VFW Angry Dragons (55-64), Buds Brothers M (39-63), and Oleai D' Companeros (33-86).

A new leader also surfaced in the A division with Jonny's Black Stallions Jr. gaining a 70-49 slate to relegate erstwhile leader Naked Fish Boyz (67-52) to second place.

The battle for the next three slots in the A division is close with D' Pirates 101 Proofers holding a 65-64 slate, against the 62-67 and 60-59 of Jonny's Load Up and Bud's FUJIN, respectively.

Bud's Brothers A is next with its 56-63 mark, followed by Bud's Enforcer (51-51), and Bud's No Name (28-74).

Five other teams kept the top spots in their respective divisions.

D' Pirates CK Destroyers solidified their hold to the No. 1 spot in the Tuesday B division after improving to a 69-36 record. VFW Naughty Boyz is in second place with their 57-48 record, followed by D' Pirates B Destroyers (56-49), Jonny's Samurai (46-59), Buds Bar Pure Budz (45-60), and Buds "Bring it on 1 (42-63).

Also keepings its lead is Buds Brothers B, which has an 85-35 mark to retain the top spot in the Thursday B division.

Behind Bud's Brothers B by 11 wins is second placer Buds Bring it on 11 (74-46), followed by Remington Naughty Boyz (67-53), Naked Man F.O.T.T.E (67-53), USSP No Fear (63-57), Buds B-Bwiibwis Barracuda (61-59), The Flair Salut Balut (54-66), VFW Dutty Gunz (50-70), Snicker N' Tuna Lights Out (40-80), The Flair Get Sum (39-81).

Jonny's Wasabe, composed of Samart Buathong, Salvador Garote, Rose Reguine, Ressie Takeda, Wilson Quiban and Rey Pinangay, still reigns in the C Kingfisher division after improving to an 81-24 slate.

Way behind Jonny's Wasabe at second place is Bar Gaia Gaiana (64-41). Other teams entered in the C Kingfisher division and their standings in parentheses are USSP Young Gunz (62-43), VFW One Shot (58-47), Jonny's ADH (50-55), and BYE (0-105).

Buds Bwiibwis C has a 66-39 record and is upped by eight wins in the C Chichirika division against second-running Snicker's Lucky Shot (58-47). In third place is Buds C-Bwiibwis Barracuda (57-48), followed by Buds Darty Deeds Dart Deux (56-49), D' Pirates Sang & the Gang (53-52), and USSP Bomsoro (25-80).

In the Ladies, division, VFW Yakau is ahead of the pack with its 53-37 slate. The team is composed of Mary Lois Blaluk, Frances Magofna, Sally Aguon and Beverly Ngirmekur.

Joining VFW Yakau in the Ladies division and their standings in parentheses are Jonny's.Com (49-41), Buds Bwiibwis Mermaid (38-37), Tijuana B-52 Shooter's (30-45), and Snicker's Mama Sniper's (25-35).

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of Ladies division leader VFW Yakau, from left, Mary Lois Blaluk, Frances Magofna, Sally Aguon, and Beverly Ngirmekur pose for a group photo before their game in the SEDA league last week.

Hustlers regain solo lead in 8-ball league

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Disgruntled Jackson gives up Warriors' captaincy

Disgruntled Golden State star Stephen Jackson asked to relinquish his captain title during a meeting Tuesday with Warriors coach Don Nelson and general manager Larry Riley. 35

SaiPal tops PCA softball tourney

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Members of SaiPal pose for a group photo after ruling the 2009 Docomo Pacific/Palauan Community Association Slow-pitch Softball Tournament last week at the Dandan Elementary School Ballfield.

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Finally, SaiPal reigned supreme in the 2009 Docomo Pacific/Palauan Community Association Slow-pitch Softball Tournament, beating Peleliu in a do-or-die game last week, 14-6, at the Dandan Elementary School Ballfield.

The SaiPal-Peleliu title duel in the fundraising tournament was postponed twice with the first one on Sept. 26 due to the unavailability of players from both sides. On Oct. 3, the game was also called off because of Typhoon Melor.

SaiPal had a chance to secure the championship early on Sept. 26, but it bowed to Peleliu in Game 1 of the finals. SaiPal had a twice-to-beat advantage going into the finals after sweeping the elimination round, winning over San Roque, 9-2 and Peleliu, 13-2.

In their rematch, Peleliu got the better of SaiPal, pulling off a 2-0 win in Game 1 of the title showdown to force a deciding Game 2.

Game 2 was played on Oct. 9 and Peleliu seemed headed to complete a come-from-behind win and deny SaiPal the championship for the third time when it lead at 6-2 after three

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Revision of eligibility rules of Micronesian Games sought

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There is a plan to introduce changes on eligibility rules for Micronesian Games.

Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael White, during the NMASA monthly meeting last week, disclosed to NMASA members that he is tasked to revisit the Micronesian Games' charter, particularly the provisions on eligibility rules.

In the current eligibility rules, Micronesian athletes, who were not born in the island/country they are representing are allowed to compete in the Micro Games if they are residents of that island for three or more years (consecutive). For non-Micronesian athlete, residency requirement is at

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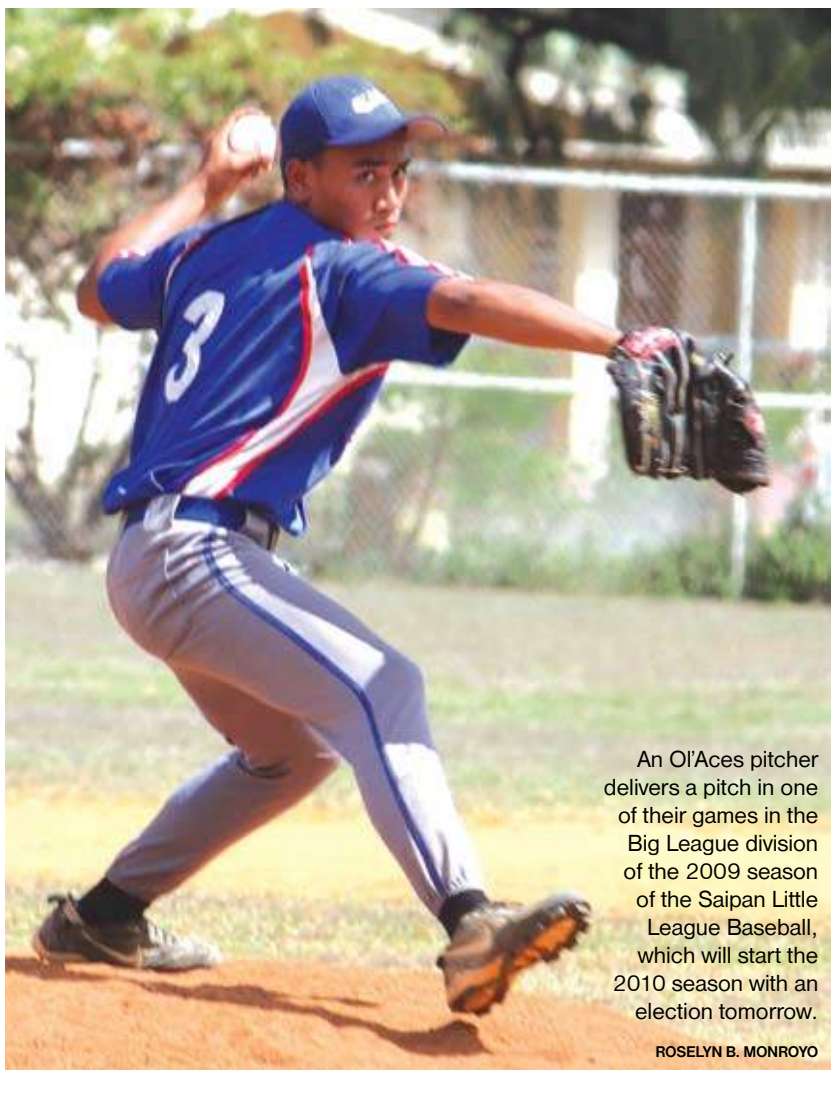
The CNMI Team takes its turn at the parade of nations in the opening ceremony of the 2006 Micronesian Games on Saipan.

Little League holds election, presents trophies tomorrow



An Ol'Aces pitcher delivers a pitch in one of their games in the Big League division of the 2009 season of the Saipan Little League Baseball, which will start the 2010 season with an election tomorrow.

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The Saipan Little League Baseball will hold an election tomorrow at 9am at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Officers elected will serve for the 2010 season of the league.

Also set for tomorrow is the presentation of trophies to winners in the Junior, Senior and Big leagues and to top individual performers.

The Patriots completed their domination of the Junior League division of the 2009 Saipan Little League Division after an 8-4 title win over Ol'Aces in May.

The Fielders secured the Senior League championship after a lopsided 10-0 win over Kagman Lion Kings.

In the Big League, the Falcons' Ben Cabrera connected on a walk-off single to lift his team to a 6-5 win over the Fielders in the finals.

In the Majors division finals, Ol'Aces also drew a walk-off single from Virolanson Secharmidal to slip past the San Antonio Dragons, 6-5.

Awarding of team and individual trophies was made immediately after the Majors' title game, leaving only the winning squads in the three other divisions to attend this weekend's trophies presentation. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo).***

Prizes galore at Chamber's golf fundraiser

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Whopping cash prizes and two brand new cars await golfers trooping the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort tomorrow for the 2nd Annual Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament.

The two-person scramble tournament will award $25,000 and $10,000 as hole-in-one prizes, which are sponsored by Bank of Hawaii ad Aon In-

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Ben Duenas, seen here checking his ball before making a shot in a local tournament, teamed up with Ray San Nicolas and finished third in the low gross division of last year's Saipan Chamber of Commerce fundraising tournament.

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